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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the

ABBOTT'S CREEK

Primitive Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Church at Salisbury,

ROWAN COUNTY, N. C.,

Commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1903.

PRESSES OF
THE P. D. GOLD PUBLISHING CO.
WILSON, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SALISBURY, N. C., AUGUST 22, 1903.

1. After singing and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. H. Williard, from Ezekiel, 1:1. Now it came to pass, etc.

2. After recess (one hour) the Messengers from the several churches met in the house of worship. Praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Ashburn.

3. Invited ministering brethren to seats; reading Rules of Decorum omitted.

4. Chose Elder P. W. Williard Moderator.

5. Letters from the several Churches called for, read and their state minuted. (See statistical table).

6. Called for Corresponding Messengers, and there appeared from Country Line Elder J. A. Burch, Brothers J. S. Ward, J. W. Gilliam and others:

From Mayo—Brother C. T. Snider, I. N. Crews, Elder J. W. Flinchum and others.

From Bear Creek—Elders A. G. Morton, J. E. Williams. H. M. Williams and others.

From Contentnea—Elder T. H. Hart.

From Black Creek—ElderP. D. Gold.

From Eno—Brother G. C. Farthing.

From Fisher's River—Elders J. A. Ashburn, W. H. Atkinson.

We received a file of minutes from Country Line: Mayo, Kehukee, Bear Creek, Little River, Contentnea, White Oak, Black Creek, Eno, Mill Branch, Fisher's River and Mountain District.

7. Called for Circular Letter, handed in and referred to Committee of Arrangement.

8. Appointed Brethren A L. Owen, R. F. Strange, I. F. Owen, with the Moderator and Clerk a Committee of Arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed Brethren M. H. Hill and Solomon Snider a Committee on Finance

10. Elected by ballot Elders P. D. Gold, J. A. Ashburn, J. E. Williams and T. C. Hart to preach to-morrow, worship to commence at

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10 o'clock; Elders J. A. Burch, J. W. Flinchum, W. H. Atkinson, to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

Saturday evening preaching by Elders J. W. Flinchum from 40th chapter 1st verse of Isaiah; Elder Atkinson from Deuteronomy, 23 and 29.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1903.

The Brethren elected to preach met at the Stand. Elder P. D. Gold introduced the services of the day, and preached from Isaiah 9th chapt. 6-7 verses. Elder J. A. Ashburn followed from last chapt. 17 verse of Rev.

RECESS.

Elder T. C. Hart preached from Isaiah, 52-14; Elder J. E. Williams from Ephesians, 2-4th.. Elder A. G. Morton from Mark, 2nd, 17th. The preaching seemed to be of the same kind, grace, free grace. We hope much good will be seen from the labors of this meeting.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1903.

12. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J E. Williams.

13. The Committee of Arrangement made their report. Report received and Committee discharged.

14.—Called Messengers, noted absentees; also called Corresponding Messengers' names.

15. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report. Some attended; those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations:

To Country Line—Elders P. W. Williard, W. T. Broadway and Brother W. S. Bouldin.

To Mayor—W. L. Bouldin.

To Little River—Elder P. W. Williard.

To Eno—Elder P. W. Williard.

To Bear Creek—Elders W. T. Broadway, P. W. Williard, Brother Solomon Snider, Samuel Snider, R. F. Strange, N. Tucker; and that we correspond with Kehukee, Contenea, White Oak, Mill Branch, Black Creek and Mountain District by minutes, also send a file to each Association that we correspond with by Messengers:

17. Called for Circular Letter, read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

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18. Appointed Brother W. L. Bouldin to write a Circular Letter for our next minutes.

19. Called on Committee on Finance to report:

They report sent up from the Churches this year		$ 12.10
In the hands of the Clerk		1.10
		$13.20
Paid for printing	$ 6.00	
Paid Clerk for services	7.00	
	$13.00	
In hands of Clerk		.20

Report received and committee discharged.

20. Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Suggs Creek, Montgomery county, N. C., about fifteen miles southeast of Ashboro, the county seat of Randolph county, about twelve miles north of Troy, the county seat of Montgomery county, seven miles northwest of Star, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1904. Elder W. T. Broadway will preach the introductory sermon; Elder P. W. Williard his alternate, worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

21. Appointed our Clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and that we have the usual number, 650, printed.

22. The Clerk was allowed $7.00 for his services.

23. Called on Presbyteries to report; no report.

24. We return thanks to God, the brethren, sisters and friends for hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

25. Adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

P. W. WILLIARD, Mod.

A. P. LEACH, Clerk.

MONDAY, PREACHING BY ELDERS.

J. A. Burch from 107 Psalm, 1st—2. Elder J. W. Flinchum from Joel, 2d—1. Elder W. H. Atkinson, from 2nd Cor. 13-11. This closes one of the most lovely meetings witnessed in many years.

CIRCULAR LETTER—1903.

The Primitive Baptists of the Abbott's Creek Association for many years have furnished the readers of her minutes with a let-

ter written by some one of her members, which is right. This gives us a chance to hear from brethren in different parts of the Association, and gives the writer an humble boldness, as servants of King Emmanuel. We, the Abbott's Creek Association, hold but one general meeting in each year. I, for one, am satisfied with this. We learn that many years ago the people went up to worship once a year. I think those people were Primitive Baptists. This duty of writing has fallen to my lot this year. I have nothing to say, only I fear that I may make some mistake. This keeps me humble. The cause is precious. I want to write only what will be to the honor of Him who rules the army of Heaven. I desire that the little ones may be comforted. I want to say to the poor and afflicted people that we should rejoice, praise and bless the Lord that it is as well with us as it is, when we see so many inventions of man, which are calculated to lead the weak children astray, but we should be glad that there is not one of his children to be left. Christ says, all the Father gave me should come to me, and none will be cast off. What a glorious thought to think that all power is given Him, in Heaven and earth, and none is able to pluck one of these little ones out of his hands. Though we may feel low-down and think friends have all failed, and foes have all united; yet when we are able to see the blood flow from Christ's blessed body by an eye of faith, and feel this blood was shed for you and me, this removes all doubts and fears, and what joy arises in our minds, making us bold. Then we can rejoice even when we are called to face the grim monster, Death, and fear no evil, but say come, welcome Death, we will gladly go with you, and feel that we are only going home. This is some of the thoughts of your aged brother, if not deceived. I have been enjoying the fellowship of the Abbott"s Creek Association about forty years, and trying to serve them as Clerk over thirty years, and the longer I live the more beauty I see in the doctrine of grace alone in the eternal salvation of God's people. Now, dear brthren, can we say of a truth that we love this doctrine? If so how careful we should be to prove the same by our walk, so that our enemies would be at peace with us; for we are a peculiar people and I hope there is a royal priesthood among these peculiar people, and hope that the Baptists will prove by their acts that they are that royal family, as they have done in days that are past and gone. May the Lord give us more light that we may travel more by day.

A P Leach

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Expe'ence	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	No. in Fellowship.	Contributions.
Flat Creek	J. L. Morgan	Pool	J. L. Morgan, Mack Morgan, Samuel Snider	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	$ 1.00
Abbott's Creek	W. L. Bouldin	Archdale	A. Idol, Solomon Crown, W. L. Bouldin	1	..	..	..	..	..	33	1.50
Tom's Creek	Solomon Snider	Snider	Solomon Snider, A. A. Snider, Heram Swaney	..	..	..	1	..	..	29	1.85
Pine M'g House	Wm. L. Young	Jubilee	D. H. Snider, J. H. Wilson, J. N. Williams	1	..	..	..	..	..	67	2.00
Suggs Creek	A. P. Leach	Martin's Mill	E. Sikes, N. Tucker, Allen Cornelison	..	..	..	..	1	..	33	2.00
Rock Hill	M. H. Hill	Mechanic	M. H. Hill, W. W. Spencer, *C. Smith	..	1	1	1	..	..	14	1.00
No Creek	J. A. Forrest	Fork Church	Henry Monsess, John Snider, John Deadman	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	1.00
Salisbury	A. L. Owen	Salisbury	J. F. Owin, R. F. Strange, A. L. Owin	..	1	..	..	2	2	14	1.75
			In the hands of Clerk	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	1.10
			Absentees marked thus *								$13.20

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION

OF THE

Primitive Baptist Association.

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

SUGGS CREEK MEETING HOUSE,

Montgomery County, N. C.

Commencing on

Saturday Before the Fourth Sabbath in

August, 1904.

WILSON, N. C.:
P. D. GOLD PUBLISHING CO.,
1904.

PROCEEDINGS.

August 27th, 1904.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Broadway from 1st chapter, 16th and 17th verses of St. John.

2. After recess (one hour) the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship; praise and prayer by Elder A. G. Morton.

3. Invited visiting ministers from different Associations to seats; several took seats; read rules of decorum.

4. Chose Elder F. W. Willard Moderator.

5. Letters from the several churches called for, read, and their state minuted. See statistical table.

6. Called for corresponding messengers; the following appeared:

From Country Line—Brethren T. S. Ward, R. T. Williams, Messenger; Brother A. J. Tilman, visitor.

From Mayo—Elder J. A. Crews.

From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold, visitor.

From Bear Creek—Brethren D. E. Harward, J. F. Hinson, Messengers; Elders Jesse Brown, J. F. Mills, A. G. Morton, W. C. Edwards, and others, visitors.

From Eno—Brother G. C. Farthing.

From Fisher's River—Brother O. J. Denny.

We received a file of Minutes from Country Line, Black Creek, Little River, White Oak, Contentnea, Kehukee, Eno, Bear Creek, Mayo, Zion and Mountain district.

7. Called for Circular Letter, handed in and referred to Committee of Arrangement.

8. Appointed Brethren Solomon Payne, J. A. Crews, A. N. Surratt, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee of Arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed Brethren S. C. Sanier and A. A. Snider, a Committee on Finance.

10. Elected by ballot Elders P. D. Gold, W. T. Broadway, P. W. Willard and A. G. Morton to preach to-morrow. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock; Elders J. F. Mills, J. A. Crews, W. C. Edwards to preach Monday. Worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

11. Adjourned to Monday 9 o'clock. Dismissed in short. Saturday evening preaching, Elders Crews, Galimore and Brother Ward.

Sunday morning, August 28, 1904.

The brethren elected to preach met a large congregation. Elder P. D. Gold preached from Ephesians, 4th chapter, 15th verse; Elder W. T. Broadway followed from 5th chapter, 17th to last verse of Romans.

Recess.

Elder P. W. Williard preached from Esther 4th chapter, latter part of 16th verse. Elder A. G. Morton from 17th chapter 2d verse of the gospel by John.

Monday, August 28th, 1904.

12. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

13. The Committee of Arrangements made their report. Report received and committee discharged.

14. Called Messengers' names, noted absentees. Also called corresponding Messengers' names.

15. Called on corresponding Messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding Messengers to sister associations

To Country Line—Elder W. T. Broadway, Brethren W. L. Bouldin and Solomon Payne.

To Little River—None.

To Eno—Elder P. W. Williard, Solomon Payne.

To Bear Creek—Samuel Snider, Solomon Snider, W. R. Galimore, W. L. Young, N. Tucker and Elder W. T. Broadway.

To Black Creek—Elder P. W. Williard, and that we correspond with Kehukee, Contentnea, White Oak, Mill Branch and Mountain District by Minutes. Also send a file of Minutes to each Association that we send Messengers as correspondents.

17. Called for Circular Letter. Read and ordered to be printed with these Minutes.

18. Appointed Elder W. T. Broadway to write Circular Letter for our next Minutes.

19. Called on Committee of Finance to report. The report follows:

Sent from churches this year.		$17.50
In hands of the Clerk.....		.20
Paid for printing.....	$ 8.00	
Clerk for services.....	7.00	
	$15.00	
Paid to ministering brethren..	2.70	
	$17.70	$17.70

20. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pine meeting house, Davidson county, N. C., located eight miles west of Linwood, eleven miles north of Salisbury, twelve miles southwest from Lexington, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in August A. D. 1905, Elder P. W. Williard to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. T. Broadway his alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

21. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and that we have 650 coppies printed and distribute them as usual.

22. The Clerk was allowed $7 for services.

23. Called on Presbyteries to report. Elder W. T. Broadway reports that himself and with other ordained help proceeded to ordain brother O. M. Bain to the office of deacon. Also reports that himself, Elder Jesse Brown and Deacon A. P. Leach by request of the church at Sugg's Creek on the 8th day of November, 1903, proceeded to the ordination of Nathaniel Tucker to the office of deacon of said church, finding him orthodox in faith.

24. By request of A. P. Leach, the present Clerk of the Association, it is agreed that Brother A. L. Owen be appointed Assistant Clerk, as the present Clerk has served 33 years, and is feeble.

Monday August 29th.

Preaching by Elders J. L. Mills, J. A. Crews and P. D. Gold. The words was preached in faithfulness to large congregations, and we hope will be as bread cast upon the water.

25. The Association return thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for kindness during this meeting.

26. Adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

P. W. WILLIARD,
Moderator.

A. P. LEACH,
Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches Composing the Association, sends GREETINGS:

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—According to appointment we send you this our Circular Letter, though I don't feel like I am worthy to attempt to write to you, but in Hebrews 4th chapter, 9th verse, we read that there remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. These words were spoken by Paul to the Hebrew brethren to encourage them, though they were weary and weak, that they might feel that God had prepared a rest for them. This is a rest that does not belong to the world, but to God's children. The people of God are a weary and heaven laden people. For that reson Jesus said, Come unto me all you that are weary and heaven laden, and I will give you rest. So we see it is the weary that are commanded to come. It is the desire of every true child of God to live Christ-like as near as they can, though we fall so far behind that we can't live as we desire to live. Sometimes they decide that they are the most miserable sinners that ever lived. So we see that they become weary and many times are made to say, O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death? In this condition they are made to look forward to that rest that remaineth to the people of God. Away back in Job's case, when he wes stript of all his wealth and honor, and was made to sit down in sackcloth and ashes, don't you suppose he was weary and heavy laden, and looked forward to that day when he hoped to enter into that rest prepared for God's people. Job's experience is every child of God's experience. O, how glad we are when one comes and talks like David who said will the Lord

cast me off forever. That is evidence that they are weary, and we feel satisfied to say that there remaineth a rest to them. Oh that the people of God could trust him who holds all power in his own hand, who does as he pleases in the army of heaven and amongst the inhabitants of the earth, and remember that when our cup of suffering is full that his children will then be gathered home where they will receive that rest that remains to God's children. May God bless and comfort his little ones is my prayer for Christ's sake.

W. L. BOULDIN.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	PO. OFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total No.	Contributions.
Flat Creek	J. L. Morgan	Pool	Samuel Snider, Mack Morgan, A. N. Surratt	1	..	..	..	..	1	12	$ 1.00
Abbott's Creek	W. L. Bouldin	Archdale	M. L. Williard, Solomon Payne, W. L. Bouldin	5	..	..	..	..	1	37	3.50
Tom's Creek	S. Snider	Snider	Hiram Swaney; N. R. Skean, A. A. Snider	2	..	2	..	..	1	29	2.25
Pine M. H	M. L. Young	Jubilee	W. R. Galimore, W. L. Young, J. A. Monsees	5	5	1	..	..	1	75	2.50
Mount Tabor			W. M. Cox (vis.) no letter	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	.10
Sandy Creek	Mrs. V E Jones	Liberty	By letter and contribution	....	..	..	..	..	..	3	.15
Brush Creek			Not represented	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	.....
Big Creek	S. C. Lanier	Pool	S. C. Lanier, J. F. Morgan (vis.) no letter	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	.50
Suggs Creek	A. P. Leach	Martin's Mill	Enos Sikes, Nathaniel Tucker, A Leach	3	..	..	..	1	..	35	2.00
Bear Creek	W. F. Norwood	Bear Creek	W. F. Norwood, (vis.) no letter	....	..	..	..	..	..	7	.10
Rock Hill	M. H. Hill	Mechanic	M. H. Hill, W. R. Trogdon, W. W. Spencer	....	..	..	..	..	..	14	1.00
White Oak Springs	P. G. Deaton	Allred	P. G. Deaton, Ira Freeman	....	..	..	..	..	..	6	.25
No Creek	J. A. Forist	Fork Church	†J. H. Deadman, J. H. Snider, W. A. Snider	3	..	3	..	1	1	20	1.10
Salisbury	A. L. Owen	Salisbury	O. M. Bain, Jona Hinson, A. L. Owen	7	2	..	..	..	1	22	2.15
			Absentees marked thus † Totals	25	7	6	..	2	6	260	17.50 .20
											$ 17.70

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Eightieth Annual Session

—OF THE—

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION,

——OF THE——

Primitive Baptist Association,

CONVENED WITH THE CHURCH AT

PINE MEETING HOUSE,

DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

Commencing on Saturday before the Fourth Sabbath in August, 1905.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 1905.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. W. Willard from 1st Peter 1st chapter 1 verse.

2nd. After recess, one hour, the delegates from the several churches met in the house of worship. Praise and prayer by Elder P. D. Gold.

3rd. Invited visiting ministers from sister Associations to seats; Elder P. D. Gold, J. A. Burch, J. A. Crews, A. G. Morton H. M. Williams J. A. Ashburn D. A. Mewborn were present. Read rules of decorum.

4th. Chose Elder P. W. Willard, Moderator.

5th. Letters from the several churches called for, read and ther state nmuted. (See statistical table.)

6th Called for corresponding messengers. The following appeared:

From Country Line—Elder J. A. Burch, rep. and Brothers A. J. Tilman, H. W. Johnson, vis.

From Mayo—Elder J. A. Crews.

From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold.

From Bear Creek—Elders A. G. Morton and H. M. Williams, Brethren D. B. Howard P. A. Howard, mess., and other visitors.

From Eno—Brother G. C. Farthing.

From Fishers River—Elder J. A. Ashburn, vis.

From Contentnea—Elder D. A. Mewborn, mess.

From Kenukee—Brother W. C. Trevathan, vis.

We received a file of minutes from Country Line, Bear Creek, White Oak, Black Creek, Contentna, Little River Kehukee, Mountain District, Fishers River and Zion.

7th. Called for circular letter, handed in and referred to Committee of Arrangements.

8th. Appointed Brethren W. L. Bouldin, J. H. Wilson A. A. Snider with the moderator and clerk a Committee of Arrangements to report Monday morning.

9th. Appointed Brethren J. Q. A. Wall, W. H. Broadway, a Committee of Finance.

10th. Elected by ballot Elders P. D. Gold, J. A. Ashburn, D. A. Mewborn, A. J. Morton, to preach tomorrow

worship to commence at 10 o'clock, Elders J. A. Burch, W. Broadway and J. M. Crews to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

11th. Adjourned to Monday 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching by Elder H. M. Williams from Ephesians 2nd chapter 4th verse, followed by Elder J. A. Crews, from John 6th chapter 38 and 39th verses, Elder A. G. Morton, Matthew 16th chapter 17th verse.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH 1905.

The brethren elected to preach met a large congregation; Elder A. G. Morton introduced the services, by singing and prayer. Elder J. A. Ashburn, preached from Matthew 9th chapter 39 verse, Elder P. D. Gold followed from no particular text of scripture.

Recess one hour—

Elder D. A. Mewborn preached from 1st Peter, 1st chapter 1 verse.

Elder A. G. Morton from Isaiah, 63rd chapter 7th verse. The word was preached faithfully and we hope to the comfort of many of the poor heavy laden children of the king in Zion.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 1905.

12th. The Association met according to adjournment—praise and prayer by Elder D. A. Mewborn.

13th. The Committee of Arrangements made their report; report received and committee discharged.

14th. Called messengers names, note absentees, also called corresponding messengers names.

15th. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended those who failed were excused.

16th. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations viz:

To Country Line—Elder J. A. Monsees, P. W. Willard.

To Mayo—Elder J. A. Monsees.

To Little River—Elder P. W. Willard.

To Eno—Elder P. W. Willard.

To Bear Creek—Elders J. A. Monsees, P. W. Willard, Brethren L. M. Hinson and N. Tucker.

To Fisher River—Elder P. W. Willard, Brethren W.

L. Bouldin J. Q. A. Wall.

And that we correspond with Kehukee, Contentnea, White Oak, Mill Branch, Mountain District, and Black Creek by minutes, and that we send a file of minutes to each Association hat we correspond with by messengers.

17th. Called for circular letter, read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

18th. Appointed Brother M. L. Willard to write a circular letter for our next minutes.

19th. Called on Committee of Finance to report. They report sent up from the churches this year $19.60

Paid for printing minutes	$2.00
Paid Clerk for services	$7.00
Paid to visiting ministers	$4.60
	$19.60 $19.60

20th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Flat Creek, Rowan County, N. C., nine miles east of Richfields, three miles south of Brinkels Ferry, on the Yadkin river; Elder J. A. Monsees to preach the introductory sermon; Elder W. T. Broadway his alternate. Commencing on Saturday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1906; worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and that we have 650 copies printed and distribute them as usual.

22nd. The clerk was allowed $7.00 for his services.

23rd. Called on presbyteries to report; they report that Elders W. T. Broadway, J. A. Burch, Brothers A. Snider, J. A. Monsees and J. S. Norris, deacon,, proceeded to ordain J. A. Monsees, W. R. Galemore, W. L. Young to the ministry. Also Brother W. L. Bouldin reported that Elders P. W. Willard, J. A. Ashburn and Deacon H. W. Cox, proceeded to ordain D. R. Pope to the office of deacon, to serve the church at Abbott's Creek. Also Brother W. L. Young reports that Elder W. T. Broadway and Deacon J. H. Deadman proceededto ordain Brother J. H. Snider and J. B. Hulin to the office of deacon to serve the church at No Creek.

24th. Agreed that we have the names of our ministers and their postoffices printed with these minutes.

25th. The Association appoints Brethren Nathaniel Tucker, A. P. Leach to visit the churches at Brush Creek and Bear Creek to inquire why they failed to represent themselves in the Association.

26th. The Association returns thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends for hospitality and kindness in this meeting. Also thank the Missionaries for the use of their house on Saturday on account of the weather being changable.

27th. Adjourned to time and place mentioned.

P. W. WILLARD, Moderator.

A. R. LEACH, Clerk; A. L. OWEN, Assistant Clerk.

MONDAY PREACHING BY ELDERS.

J. A. Burch, W. T. Broadway and J. M. Crews. The clerk failed to get the texts of either of the elders.

Elder P. W. Williard closed by exhortation.

Names of our ministers, their postoffices each the clerk don't know and has no way at present to get them correct: P. W. Willard, W. T. Broadway, James A. Monsees, W. R. Calemore, W. L. Young, *William Monsees, *Enos Sikes, *M. L. Williard. (Licentiates marked thus *)

CIRCULAR LETTER.

This the date of 1905, August the 21:

Dear Brethren and Sisters and Messengers and ministers of the Abbotts Creek Association:—Being appointed at our last Association to write what is called a circular letter, I now will try by the help of the Lord as I hope to write. Note the scripture Second Thesionians, first verse: Now we beseech you brethren by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering to gether unto him that ye be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled, neither by spirit nor by word nor by letter as from us as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you. We understand the apostle to here speak words of exhortation to the church and that first by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. By our gathering to gether unto him and that for an express purpose the command is that ye be not soon shaken in mind or or be troubled neither by spirit nor by word; note this as a portion of the word of God by inspiration; all scripture is given by inspiration and is

profitable for doctrine and these words are as true to us to day as they were in the former days. Because God is one and the church is one and of one heart thus of one mind and all things are common with them and the apostle exhorts the church as a band of believers calling them brethren; to be brethren and sisters we must be born of one mother and the children of one father; then God is our father and wisdom is justified of all her children, then the church or the children of God by birth, born of God, have equal right one with another for there is no difference, for we are all one in Christ. Then my dear brethren is it not needful that we as children of God should come togther, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water; then it is by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together in the communion of the spirit of God. God leads his children by his spirit and gathers them together in love and in union and in fellowship one with another. Then let us not be shaken in mind nor be troubled neither by spirit nor by word, but trust in God and hold fast our profession of faith and contend for the ancient landmark which our fathers have set by the guide of the spirit of God, for the word of God standeth sure, having this seal the Lord knoweth them that are his, then dear brethren let up never neglect the assembling ourselves together in our church meetings each month and our association each year, there to associate with each other of our sister churches in an associated capacity. So I commit this to your truth, may God the Father enable us his charge to keep that when our time is filled up with a pilgrim travail we may be able to say with the apostles we have fought the good fight of faith and hence forth there is a crown of righteousness laid up for us and not for us only, but for all them that love his appearing.

Pray for me. Your unworthy brother in hope.

W. T. BROADWAY.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Clerks.	Post Offices.	Name of Messengers.	BAPTIZED.	REC'D BY LETTER.	DIS. BY LETTER.	RESTORED.	EXCLUDED.	DECEASED.	TOTAL NUMBER.	CONTRIBUTION.
Flat Creek	J. L. Morgan	Pool: C L K	A. N. Surratt, M. C. Morgan, A. S. Morgan							12	$1.00
Abbott's Creek	W. L. Bouldin	Archdale	J. Q. A. Hall, H. W. Cox, W. L. Bou din	5	3				1	46	4.00
Toms Creek	Solomon Snider	Snider	A. A. Snider, Solomon Snider, Hiram Swayney							29	2.00
Pine M. H	W. P. Williams.	Jubilee, R R 1	J. H. Wilson, W. H. Broadway, A. W. Snider.	1		1				75	2.75
Mount Tabor			Not represented								
Sandy Creek	Mrs. V E. Jones	Mullen	Contribution								.15
Brush Creek			Not represented								
Big Creek	L. W. Morgan	Eldorado	L. W. Morgan, vis	4		1					.50
Suggs Creek	A. P. Leach	Martin's Mill	S. Tucker, A. Leach, E. B. Boroughs			2				33	3.50
Bear Creek			Not represented								
Rock Hill	M. H. Hill	Mechanic	J. M. Trogdon, C. Smith, H. Trogdon	3	1	2	1			17	1.00
White Oak Springs	P. G. Deaton	Allred	P. G. Deaton, Ira Freeman							6	.45
No Creek	J. A. Forrest	Fork Church	Levi Trogdon, J. H. Deadman, J. A. Forrest.		2					22	1.50
Salisbury	A. L. Owen	Salisbury	L. M. Hinson, O. M. Bain, A. L. Owen		2					24	2.75

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION

OF THE

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

FLAT CREEK MEETING HOUSE

ROWAN COUNTY, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath
in August, 1906.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY AUGUST 25th, 1906.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. A. Monsees, from DEUT. 32nd chapter 2nd verse.

2. After a recess of one hour, the delegates from the several churches met in the house of worship. Praise and prayer by Elder J. D. Draughn.

3. Invited visiting ministers of sister Associations to seats: Elder J. D. Draughn, Elder D. A. Meborn, J. M. Crews, J. E. Williams; A. G. Morton, Henry Taylor, J. S. Ward, J. F. Mills, Jesse Brown, W. M. Monsees, J. E. Adams, were present. Rules of Decorum called for, the Association omits reading.

4. Chose Elder P. W. Williard, moderator.

5. Letters from the several churches called for, read and thus state minuted. (See statistical table.)

6. Called for corresponding messengers. The following appeared:

From country line; Elder W. M. Monsess, messenger, Elder J. S. Ward and J. M. Johnson, vis.

From Mayo, Elder J. M. Crews, messenger.

From Black Creek, none.

From Bear Creek, Elder J. F. Mills, J. E. Williams, D. B. Howard, P. A. Howard, messenger, Elder A. G. Morton, Jesse Brown, brother, J. A. Mullin and other visitors.

From Fishers River, Elder J. D. Draughn, vis.

Eno, none.

From Kehukee, Bro. M. M. Johnson, vis.

From Contentnea, Elder D. A. Manborn, messenger.

We received a file of minutes from Country line, Bear Creek, White Oak, Black Creek, Fisher River, Mountain District, Little River, Contentnea, Zion and Kehukee.

7. Called for circular, the brother appointed to write failed to send one in, and our articles of faith substituted.

8. Appointed brethren M. C. Morgan, J. L. Morgan, and J. L. Morgan, Jr., with the moderator and clerk, a committee of arrangement, to report Monday morning.

9. Brethren W. P. Williams and J. B. Hulin a committee of finance.

10. Elected by ballot, Elder J. E. Williams, A. G. Mor-

ton, Henry Taylor, W. L. Broadway to preach to-morrow. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Elders T. W. Williard, J. N. Crews, and J. D. Draughn to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

11. Adjournment till Monday at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching by Elder J. E. Adams from 1st Peter 2nd chapter and 7th verse; Elder J. S. Ward, from Psalm 25th chapter, 14th verse.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 1906.

Those elected to preach met at the stand. Elder J. E. Williams introduced the services of the day. Preached from Acts 2nd chapter 37, 38 and 39 verses. Elder A. G. Morton, from 2nd Timothy 2nd chapter 9th verse.

Recess one hour.

Elder Henry Taylor preached from 1st Peter 1st chapter 10th verse. Elder W. T. Broadway followed from no particular text of scripture.

Elder J. D. Draughn, from latter clause of last verse of 14th chapter of Luke, and 1st and 2nd verses of 15th chapter of same book.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1906.

12. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Mills.

13. The committee of arrangement made their report, report received and committee dismissed.

14. Called messengers' names, noted absentees, also called corresponding messengers' names.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended; those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations, vis:

To Country Line, Elders P. W. Williard, W. L. Broadway and Bro. W. L. Boulden.

To Mayo, Elders P. W. Williard, J. M. Monsees and Bro. W. L. Boulden.

To Little River, Elders J. M. Monsees, and P. W. Williard.

To Eno, Elders P. W. Williard, J. M. Monsees and Bro. W. L. Boulden.

To Bear Creek, Elder W. L. Broadway and Bros. N. Tucker and L. M. Hinson.

To Fishers River, Elder P. W. Williard.

And that we correspond with Kehakee, Contentnea, White Oak, Mill Branch, Mountain District, Black Creek,

by minutes, and that we send a file of minutes to each Association that we correspond with by messengers.

17. Called for circular letter, and the brother appointed failed to write, and our articles of faith substituted.

18. Appointed Elder W. T. Broadway to write a circular letter for our next minutes.

19. Called on committee of Finance to report, their reports sent up from the churches this year is $18.85

Paid for Printing,	$8.00	
Paid Clerk for Services,	$7.00	
Give to Visiting Ministers,	$3.85	
Total,		$18.85

Report received and committee discharged.

20. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at High Point, Guilford county, commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1907. Elder, W. L. Broadway to preach the introductory sermon. Elder P. W. Williard his alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock. Appointed our Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes and that we have 650 copies printed.

22. The clerk was allowed $7.00 for his services.

23. Called on presbyteries to report. Elder W. L. Broadway reports that himself and Elder Henry Taylor being called by the church at Rock Hill, proceeded to ordain brother Harris Trogdon to the office of Deacon for that church.

24. The committee appointed to visit Brash Creek and Bear Creek churches made their report. Brother N. Tucker reports that he visited Brugh Creek, and found a deed in the hands of friend Craven, to a plat of land for Brash Creek and the church record for said church, the Association agrees that brother J. W. Johnson may have the deed recorded. A. P. Leach, that he went to the clerk of Bear Creek church, found the book, found that there was several members living; but some trouble concerning title to the land. They have a desire to remain in the Association.

25. The Association received a letter and messengers from a newly constituted church at High Point, wishing to become a member of the Abbott's Cr. Asociation, and the same was granted by the Moderator and the right hand of fellowship was given to the messngers sent from said church.

26. The Association returns thanks to the brethren. sisters and friends of this vicinity for hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

27, Adjourned to time and place mentioned.

P. W. Williard, Moderator.

A. P. Leach, Clerk,
A. L. Owen, Assistant.

Articles of Faith of This Association.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the old and the new Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

6. We believe God's elect, who are sinners of Adam's fallen family, are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ received by faith alone, which faith is productive of good works.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in Grace and never fall finally away.

8. We believe baptism by emersion according to the Scciptures and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and in the final Judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, but such as are regularly baptised, called and come under imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We believe also that an Association has no right to assume any authority over churches, only to sit as an advising council; and shall not impose any measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

Names and Post-offices of Our Ministers.

Elder P. W. Williard, High Point, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.
Elder W. T. Broadway, Cooleemee, N. C.
Elder J. A. Monsees, Lenwood, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.
Elder W. L. Young, Linwood; N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1906

Churches.	Clerks.	P. O.	Messengers	BAPTIZED.	RECD. BY LET.	RESTORED.	DISMS'D BY LET.	EXCLUDED.	DECEASED.	TOTAL NO.	CONTRIBUTION.
Flat Creek	J. L. Morgan	Pool	J. L. Morgan, J. L. Morgan, Jr.. M. C. Morgan.							12	$1.00
Abbott's Creek	C. A. Davis	Archdale	S. Payne, W. S. Bouldin, J. Q. A. Wall.	14			6		3	51	2.00
Tom's Creek	S. Snider	Snider	S. Snider, A. A. Snider, H. Swayney.				2		2	26	2.00
Pine M. H.	W. P. Williams	Jubilee R. R. 1.	W. F. Pope, J. M. Williams, W. P. Williams.	4	1			1		77	3.25
Mount Tabor	"	"	Not Presented.								
Sandy Creek			Not Presented.								
Brush Creek			Not Presented.								
Big Creek			Not Presented.								
Suggs Creek	A. P. Leach	Martins Mill	N. Tucker, E. Sikes, A. Cornelison.	5			1		1	37	3.10
Bear Creek	"	"	Not Presented.								
Rock Hill	M. H. Hill	Mechanic	Williams Trogdon, [a] Harris Trogdon, N.H.Hill.	1					1	17	1.50
White Oak Springs			Contribution.								50
No Creek	J. A. Forrest	Fork Church	J. A. Forrest, Levi Trogdon, P. B. Hulin.	1					1	21	1.50
Salisbury	A. L. Owen	Salisbury	[o] W. T. Broadway, J. F. Owen, S. M. Hinson.							24	2.50
High Point	B. T. Stone	High Point	H. W. Cose, J. T. Hicks, J. E. Monsees.							18	1.50

Ordained ministers marked, [o] absentees thus [a].

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-Second Annual Session

OF THE

Abbott's Creek Union

OF THE

Primitive Baptist Association

Convened with the church at

HIGH POINT

Guilford County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1907.

1907
P. D. GOLD PUBLISHING COMPANY.
WILSON, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1907.

First. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Broadway from John 1:1.

2nd. Recess of one hour was given, after which the delgates from the different churches met in the house of worship. Praise and prayer by O. G. Denny.

3rd. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present: Elders W. A. Simpkins, A. Moran, J. E. Williams, H. Taylor, T. W. Walker, J. A. Shaw, W. S. Brown, J. P. Via, G. D. Robertson, A. G. Morton, T. A. Ashburn, J. W. Flinshum, T. Felton, W. C. Jones, O. J. Denny, J. M. Crews; Sunday, Elders P. D. Gold, F. L. Oakly, C. F. Denny and A. Stuart. Rules of Decorum read.

4th. Chose Elder P. W. Williard, Moderator.

5th. Letters from the several churches called for and read, and their state minuted.

6th. Called for corresponding messengers. The following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—Brother R. T. Williams, Elder T. W. Walker, messengers and other visitors.

Lower Country Line—Brethren J. C. Taylor, G. C. Farthing, A. G. Satterfield and other visitors.

Mayo—Elders A. Moran, J. W. Morefield, J. M. Crews, messengers, and other visitors.

Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold, visitor.

Bear Creek—Elder A. G. Morton. messengers and other visitors.

Morton, messengers and other visitors.

Little River—Elder W. A. Simkins visitor.

and vistor.

Fisher's River—Elders O. G. Denny, and J. A. Ashburn, messenger and visitor.

Kehukee—Elders G. D. Robertson, J. A. Shaw, messengers.

Contentnea—Brothers R. E. Adams, messenger.

7th. Called for circular letter, handed it in, and referred to committee of arrangements.

8th. Appointed brethren A. A. Snider, A. N. Surratt, Solomon Snider, with the Moderator and Clerk a committee of arrangement to report Monday morning.

9th. Appointed Brethren M. H. Hill and Solomon Lanier a committee on Finance.

10th. Elected by ballot Elders G. D. Roberson, W. A. Simpkins, J. A. Ashburn, and P. D. Gold to preach tomorrow, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

11th. Adjourned to Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed in short.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Preaching by Elder J. E. Williams and Elder J. A. Shaw Flinshum from Mark 8:5.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Preaching by Elder J. E. illiams and Elder J. A, Shaw from Luke 10.

SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 1907.

The brethren elected to preach today met at the stand a large congregation. Elder W. A. Simpkins, preached from Luke 4:36, and Elder P. D. Gold followed from Psalms 76:10.

Recess,onehour.

Elder J. A. Ashburn introduced the evening services and preached from John 5:24. Elder G. Roberson followed from 1st Kings 18:34. Exhortation by the Moderator.

SUNDAY NGHT.

Elder A. G. Morton preached from Mark 2:17, and Elder T. Walker from Eph. 2:22.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1907.

12th. The Association met according to adjournment—Praise and prayer by Elder W. C. Jones.

13th. The committee of arrangements made their report. Report received and committee discharged.

14th. Called messengers names, noted absentees. Also called correponding messengers names.

15th. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended and those who failed were excused.

16th. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations.

To Upper Country Line—Elders P. W. Williard and W. T. Broadway.

To Lower Country Line—Elders P. W. Williard and W. T. Broadway.

To Mayo—Elders P. W. Williard and W. T. Broadway.

To Little River—Elder P. W. Williard.

To Bear Creek—Elders W. T. Broadway, Brethren N. Tucker, Samuel Snider, W. H. Lawrence and M. H. Hill.

To Fisher's River—Elder W. T. Broadway.

And that we correspond with Contentnea, Kehukee, White Oak. Mill Branch. Mountain District and Black Creek by inutes, and that we send a file of minutes to each Association that we correspond with by messengers.

17the. Called for circular letter, read and ordered to be published with these minutes.

18th. Appointed Brother A. F. Williams to write a circular letter for our next minutes.

Called on the committee of finance to report. They reported as follows·

Paid Clerk for services	7.00
Paid for printing	8.00
Gave to visiting ministers	12.60
In hands of clerk	.55
Sent up from the churches	$27.05

19th. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Tom's Creek, Davidson County, about one mile and a half north east of Denton, one mile from the

27 60
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15 00
12 05

Thomasville Railroad, commonly called the Jones road, that stops at Denton, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1908. Elder P. W. Williard to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder W. T. Broadway alternate, worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

20th. Appointed our clerk to superintendent the printing of these minutes and that we have 650 copies printed.

21st. Allowed our clerk $7.00 for his services.

22nd. The Presbytery reports from Abbott's Creek that on the first Sunday in October, 1906, Elders O. J. Denny, P. W. Williard, Deacons John Smith and R. D. Pope proceeded to ordain M. S. Williard to the full work of the ministry. Done by order of the church, M. S. Williard, Moderator; C. A. Davis, Clerk.

By call from the church the first Sunday in December, 1906, Elders P. W. Williard and M. L. Williard, Deacons John Smith and R. D. Pope as presbytery, proceeded to ordain J. J. Idol deacon of the church; done by order of the church; M. L. Williard, Moderator; C. A. Davis, Clerk.

First Sunday in June, 1907, by call of the church the Presbytery met and proceeded to ordain C. A. Davis to the full work of the ministry. The presbytery consisted of Elders P. W. and M. L. Williard, and O. J. Denny. Done by order of the church; M. L. Williard, Moderator; C. A. Davis, Clerk.

As deacon, Brother N. Tucker reports that by request of the church at White Oak Springs himself and Elder Jesse Brown met on the third Sunday in July, 1907, and proceeded to ordain Brother Henry Tucker to the office of deacon of said church.

23rd. A query from Rock Hill asking what must be done with Mount Tabor and Bear Creek churches, as they think these churches are in disorder; the Association sends Elders W. T. Broadway and Galamore to look after them and report to our next Association.

24th. The Association returns thanks to the brethren,

sisters and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during hs meeting.

P. W. WILLIARD,
Moderator.
A. P. LEACH,
Clerk.
A. L. OWENS,
Assistant Clerk.

Elder H. Taylor preached from Song of Solomon 6:10, and Elder J. W. Flinshum from Acts 8:20. Elder P. W. Williard closed by exhortation.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Cooleemee, N. C. August 6th, 1907.

Dear brethren and ministers and messengers, who may compose the Abbott's Creek Association, together with many brethren and sisters in relation with and according to the love and purpose of God through Christ—Being appointed by the Association to write a circular letter for our minutes of this session, August 1907, trusting in God that through the goodness of the spirit I may speak a word of comfort and edification in behalf of the cause of Christ in the salvation of the church. Is there not a cause? Yes, brother, there is a cause and God is the cause and not only the cause, but the author of our faith, and faith is belief and I believe, and therefore have I spoken, so brethren, I speak from a sense of feeling and impress on. This is through the mighty working power of God which works in his children mightily, for God dwelleth in His children, and "I will dwell in them and walk in them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people."

Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord. Cor. 6:16-17. The aposte is here treating on the word of exhortation and commandment to the church which was needful for the benefit of the church for God dwells in Zion and walks in Zion, which is the church, the pillar and ground of the truth, the habitation where in God dwells.

This dwelling is in the power of God in the spirit or soul of the

man. The carnal or natural man is one in which the Holy Spirit dwells, in which is Christ in you, the hope of glory, the exercise of the spirit in us, in which is the spirit of God working in us to will and to do of his own good pleasure, thus command ng His children to come out from among such as are disorderly, We are not to suffer ourselves to be yoked together with unbelievers, but to be separate from all such as are false. Then the Lord says I will receive. Then dear brethren and sisters, let us cleanse ourselves from all things that are not pure, but held fast in the form of sound words in the rule and order of the church as an Associational capacity, each church in the boundaries of an organized body of members of that same body under the church covenant and rule of decorum is an associational capacity. Now to be in order we must first b e in peace among ourselves in an organ zed body and to keep in order is to keep the commandments of our Lord according to rule and example which we both feel and read in God's word.

Then dear brethren and sisters, let us examine ourselves and if we find ourselves out of order, then confess your faults one to another and come out from among them and be separate, then it is that God will receive us, ond how pleasant it is for us to dwell together in the unity of the spirit. Then it is that God walks in his children of love, joy and gladness of heart, but when in disobedience and doubt, in fear and darkness, and coldness, how loathsome, how lost, how poor in this walk. I will walk in them. I will dwell in them. God dwells in his children, and walks in them for their good, both to will and to do his own good pleasure.

This God does according to his purpose which he purposed in Himself, and to purpose in Himself is to purpose in Christ. Then Christ to make manifest the purposes of God must be born in the likeness of sinful flesh. This then brings about this warfare between the old man and between the new man, and dear brethhren and sisters as the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty,, through God to the pulling down of strongholds , let us as good soldiers of the cross fight the fight of faith and live as pilgrims do.

W. T. BROADWAY.

Statistica, Table 1907

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Number in Fellowship	Contributions
Flat Creek	J L. Morgan	Richfield R No 2.	J L Morgan, Sr, J L Morgan, Jr. M C Morgan	3						14	$1.00
Abbotts Creek	C. A. Davis	High P'nt R No 2	Solomon Payne, W L Bouldin, R D Pope	4			1		1	63	1.55
Toms Creek	S. Snider	Snider	A A Snider, Solomon Snider, Thomas Pope		2		3		2	23	2.10
Pine M. H.	W, P. Williams	Jubilee R No 1	W R Galimore, A N Williams, W P Williams	1			1	2	1	75	3.25
Mount Tabor			Contribution								.25
Sandy Creek			Contribution								.10
Brush Creek			Not Represented								
Big Creek	L. W. Morgan	Eldorado	S C Laniar, Thomas Lucas, L W Morgan	1					1	13	
Suggs Creek	A. P. Leach	Martin's Mill	N Tucker, Allen Cornelison, Enos Sikes						3	34	2.95
Bear Creek			Not Represented								
Rock Hill	N. H. Hill	Mechanic	W H Lawrence, M H Hill, R W Snider	2	2		2		1	19	2.00
White Oak Sp'gs.	P. G. Deaton	Allred	P G Deaton, Ira Freeman, H Tucker	2						8	
No Creek	I. A. Forrest	Jubilee	J H Deadman, W. A. Snider, J B Hulin							20	1.50
Salisbury	A.L. Owens	Salisbury	A L Owen, L M Hinson, R F Strange							24	3.10
High Point	R. T. Stone	High Point	R T Sone, H W Cose, S R Garner	1	1					20	1.50

The clerk failing to receive the report of Finance Committee, was left to the letters of the churches, and two of the letters having no amount of contribution, he having the total proceeded to divide.

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Abbott's Creek Union Primitive Baptist Association

CONVENED WITH THE

Church at Toms Creek

Davidson County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1908.

1908
P. D. GOLD PUBLISHING COMPANY.
WILSON, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 1908.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Broadway from John 10:9-10.

2. After a recess of one hour, the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship with praise and prayer by Elder G. D. Roberson.

3. Invited visiting brethren to seats. The following were present: Elders G. D. Roberson, J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams, J. E. Adams, J. D. Draughn and B. L. Treece.

Reading of rules of decorum omitted.

4. Letters from the several churches called for, and read, and their state minuted . (See statistical table.)

5. As it is our rule to elect a moderator every year, Elder W. T. Broadway was chosen to serve this year, through love and courtesy to him. The association returns thanks to Elder P. W. Williard for his long, able, and faithful service as moderator of this association.

6. Called for corresponding messengers and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—J. R. Jones.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Mayo—None.

From Black Creek—None.

From Bear Creek—Elders J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams, Brethren D. B. Howard, Aaron Furr, Messrs. J. W. Jones, Paul Safley, B. Craven. Elder B. L. Treece visitor.

From Fishers River—Elder J. D. Draughn.

From Kehukee—Elder G. D. Roberson.

We received a file of minutes from Upper and Lower Country Line, Mountain District, Bear Creek, Little River, Kehukee, Black Creek, White Oak, Mill Branch, Staunton River and Contentnea.

7. Called for circular letter, handed in, and referred to committee of arrangements.

8. Appointed Brethren S. Snider, M. H. Hill, A. L. Owens, with the moderator and clerk as a committee of arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed Brethren J. B. Hulin, A. M. Surratt, a committee on finance.

10. Elected by ballot, Elders G. D. Roberson, J. E. Williams, P. W. Williard, C. A. Davis to preach to-morrow. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

Elders J. D. Draughn, B. L. Treece, to preach Monday. Worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

11. Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed in short.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching by Elders J. E. Adams, from Rev. 22:13. H.

Lower Country Line—Elders W. M. Monsees and C. A. Davis.

Mayo—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Brothers S. Snider, J. A. Williams, and J. H. Snider.

Little River—Elders W. M. Monsees and W. R. Gallimore.

Bear Creek—Elders W. T. Broadway, C. A. Davis, W. R. Gallimore and Brother Sam Snider.

Fishers River—Brother J. A. Williams and Elder W. L. Young.

And that we correspond with Contentnea, Kehukee, White Oak, Mill Branch, Mountain District and Black Creek by Ministers, and that we send a file of minutes to each association that we correspond with by messengers.

17. Called for circular letter, read, and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

18. Called for petitionary letters. We received a letter From Pierces Chapel stating that on Friday before the third Sunday in August 1907, Elders P. W. Williard, C. A. Davis, W. T. Broadway, W. R. Gallimore, W. M. Monsees, Deacons S. Snider, from Tom's Creek, W. R. Trogden W. F. Trogden, from Rock Hill, met at said place, and or-

ganized them into a church in gospel order, and asks to be enrolled with the Abbotts Creek Association, which was done by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to her delegation.

19. Appointed Elder C. A. Davis to write circular letter M. Williams John 1:1. Elder C. A. Davis closed by a general exhortation.

SUNDAY AUGUST 23, 1908.

The brethren elected to preach met at the stand with a large congregation present. Elder G. D. Roberson preached from Isaiah 55:1-3. Elder J. E. Williams, from Rev. 11:1. Recess on hour. Elder P. W. Williard preached from Matthew 11:7. Elder C. A. Davis, from Luke 1:20-21.

MONDAY AUGUST 24, 1908.

12. The association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Williams.

13. The committee of arrangements made their report, report received and committee discharged.

14. Called messengers names. Noted absentees. Also called corresponding messengers, names.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended and those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

Upper Country Line—Elders W. T. Broadway and C. A. Davis.
for our next minutes.

20. Called on committee of finance to report, they reported as follows:

Sent up from the churches	$21.90
Sent up from Abbotts Creek church for visiting ministers	5.00
Total	$26.90
Paid clerk for services	$ 7.00
Paid for printing minutes	10.00

Given to visiting ministers 9.90

Total $26.90

Report received and committee discharged.

21. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Big Creek, located at Eldorado, Montgomery county, N. C., seven miles east of Whitney on Yadkin River commencing on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August 1909. Elder C. A. Davis to preach the introductory sermon. Elder M. L. Williard alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

22. By request of Brother A. P. Leach, he was released from the office of clerk, and A. L. Owen was chosen clerk, and Brother A. P. Leach, assistant clerk.

23. Appointed clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and that we have 800 copies printed.

24. Called on Presbyteries to report. S. H. Goodman reported that Elder O. J. Denny and J. A. Ashburn and Deacon H. W. Cox, met with the church at High Point and ordained Brother J. T. Hix to the office of deacon for said church on September 4, 1907,

25. Elder W. T. Broadway, and W. R. Gallimore who were sent to Mount Tabor, and Bear Creek, by the association last year reported that they visited Mount Tabor church and found the church in peace with five members. One joined since. They still want to remain in our association.

Also, they visited Bear Creek and found them in a luke warm condition. We regained for them the title to their church property. They changed their place of meeting, and also changed their name from Bear Creek to Gain's Grove. They also want to remain with us. We feel they are in a prosperous condition.

26. The association returns thanks to God, the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during their meeting.

27. Adjourned to time and place mentioned.

ELDER W. T. BROADWAY, Moderator,
A. L. OWEN, Clerk.
A. P. LEACH, Assistant Clerk.

Monday preaching by Elder J. D. Draughn and B. L. Treece. Clerk failed to get text.

NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF OUR MINISTERS.

Elder P. W. Williard, High Point, N. C., R. No. 2.
Elder C. A. Davis, Kernersville, N. C., R. No. 1.
Elder M. L. Williard, High Point, N. C., R. No. 2.
Elder W. T. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.
Elder W. L. Young, Linwood, N. C., R. R. No. 1.
Elder W. M. Monsees, Linwood, N. C., R. No. 2.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Ministers and Messengers Composing the Abbotts Creek Association, of the Primitive Baptist Church:

Dear Brethren—Many of you are aware of the fact that I was appointed at the last session of this honorable body to write what is termed a circular letter. Oh! how I was filled with fear and trembling, so much that I could not render an excuse. While meditating upon the vastness of its importance, these thoughts settled steadfast in my mind, "If this action of the association is of the Lord, it will have the desired effect, if not of the Lord, it will do no good, but will be a stain upon her, and a blot upon the one who makes the attempt, through the power of his own wisdom and righteousness. With these thoughts as a preliminary, I will, with God's help present to your minds some beautiful figures in types as shadowing forth in the language of the wise man in his beautiful song in the fourth chapter and twelfth verse, it is recorded "A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed."

This to my mind represents the fountain that was opened in the house of King David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness. How wonderful is the construction of that garden, in it a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. We will here make an illustration. It is unlawful for any person to break a seal, except the person to whom it is directed. It is so in reference to our mails. Even the carrier is not allowed to open a sealed package . He may handle all the sealed packages and handle carefully the name and address, in discharge of his official duty. If he goes beyond his duty in opening the seal it makes him an offender, and he is liable to be punished by the law which protects

him in doing his duty. This sets forth the duties of those who are enclosed in the garden of God's grace. And to them only is it given to open the seal, which has already been opened. Then they are commanded to open the doors of their hearts and let the king of glory come in. To such, God has given this seal. He knoweth them that are his and when the knowledge of this seal is given, then to believe that God for Christ's sake has pardoned their sins; to such he gives the water of that fountain sealed. Yes, sealed to them through the blood of the everlasting covenant, which is ordered in all thing. And sure they set this seal upon their heart that God is true and every man a liar. That is, all men who are born of woman are conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity, and go forth from the womb speaking lies. All such as are described in holy writ, as speaking the language of their father, who was a liar from the beginning and abode not in the truth, has no right to take the privilege of claiming the power to drink of that spring that is shut up, of the fountain sealed.

Now, having set forth the condition of all men in nature, this condition by reason of sin power debars them of the privilege of even a desire to drink of such a fountain. And men in the bonds of sin are bound slaves to it. Such is the condition of all the human family born into this world. Now let us see if this excludes forever the possibility of one and all of partaking of a single sip of this spring of living water. No, thank God a remedy was prepared by the eternal mind of him who said, "I will do all my pleasures, my council shall stand." It was the pleasure of the mind of wisdom to prepare a remedy and a sure cure for such a horrible disease as sin, which has been inflicted upon all men. This glorious remedy was promised to the mother of all living, that thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head. and that blessed seed undoubtedly is Jesus, who was born of a woman, born under the law to redeem them who were under the law. In this seed of the woman, all the seed have access to the spring shut up, to this fountain sealed. All and every one of them being vessels of mercy afore prepared unto glory, all of those vessels of mercy have access to the inclosed garden, to the spring shut up, to the fountain sealed. Let us consider for a moment the security of all who are enclosed in this glorious garden. What is it enclosed with? I will emphatically declare it is the life of God. His wonderful garden occupied by the family of a great king, must of necessity be born of that

king, consequently born in this delightful garden of their father, which is of his own individual make up. No power was consulted no agent employed, not even the wisdom of the holy angels was sought, but all things were made ready by the holy king and the king's son, to bid the subjects of grace to come in to his garden. And the language is this "I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse. I have gathered my myrrh with my spice. I have eaten my honey comb with my honey. I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat O friends! Drink yea drink abundantly, beloved is the language of the builder and maker of this garden which is, "whosoever will let him drink of the water of life freely and whosoever shall drink of the water that I shall give, it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.' ' This fountain was opened upon Mount Cavalry, when they pierced his hands and his feet. Then and there flowed the crimson tide that christalized this glorious fountain of water, which was hitherto sealed. And what was the great cost to the owners of this garden, fo rthe sake of the occupants of it and its inhabitants? In another garden, not this one, but surely an entrance into this enclosure his sweat became as great drops of blood, falling down to the ground, calling for these pathetic words. "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death." and in his own language recorded by the prophet, "Was there ever sorrow liken unto my sorrow?" Oh! my brethren have not your sorrows been stirred up for him who bore all your sorrows. Who drank the contents of the bitter cup of death to its very dregs that you might live? Now brethren pray for the peace of Jerusalem for they shall prosper who love peace. May it reign supremely within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces.

A. M. WILLIAMS.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rc'd by Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number in Fellowship	Contributions
Flat Creek.....	J. L. Morgan ...	Richfield, R. 2...	Sam Snider, J. L. Morgan, J. Morgan	....	....	....	....	...	....	15	$1.00
Abbott's Creek..	C. A. Hayworth.	High Point, R. 2.	B. C. Hayworth J. J. Idol, W. L. Bouldin. ...	8	....	....	1	....	1	59	2.00
Toms Creek.....	S. Snider	Snider	A. A. Snider, S. Snider, J. Workmon	...	....	....	4	....	2	18	1.75
Pine M. H	W P. Williams.	Jubilee, R. 1.....	J. A Williams, J. H. Snider, H. Monsees.....	3	....	1	....	....	3	75	4.50
Mount Tabor...	....	.....	By Letter.....	....	....	....	....	....	4	6	.75
Sandy Creek.....	....	....	By Letter.....	.. .	....	.....	....	....	....	3	.15
Brush Creek.....	... .	.....	Not Represented.....	....	....	....	...	....	....	...	.....
Big Creek.....	S. W. Morgan....	Eldorado...	Thomas Lucas,* J. F. Morgan, L. W. Morgan.	....	....	....	....	....	1	12	.50
Suggs Creek.....	A. P. Leach	Martin's Mill	N. Tucker, E. Sykes, E. B. Boroughs *.....	....	....	3	....	3	1	32	2.50
Gaines Grove....	....	.....	N. Hilliard*.....	....	...	....	....	..	....	5	.50
Rock Hill...	M. H Hill	Caraway, R. 2 ,..	M. H. Hill, M. M. Johnson, H. Trogdon	2	....	1	....	1	...	21	2.00
White Oak Sp'gs	P. G. Deaton.....	Allred	H. T. Tucker, P. G. Denton, I. Freeman*.....	...	....	....	....	....	....	8	.60
No Creek.....	J. A. Forrest....	Jubilee.....	L. Trogdon, J. B. Hulin, J. H. Snider...	3	...	...	....	....	....	23	1.50
Salisbury..... ..	A. L. Owen.....	Salisbury, R, 2...	Eld. W. T. Broadway. J. F. Owen* A. L. Owen	1	....	....	2	....	....	23	2.05
High Point.....	R. L. Stone.....	High Point	', F. Hix, S. H. Goodman, T. S. Hedrick.....	3	2	....	....	...	....	25	1.50
Pierces Chapel..	H. Swaney.....	....	H. Swaney, W. B. Yates.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	.60
			Absentees marked thus*								
			Total.....	20	2	5	7	4	12	329	21.90

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PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1909.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Ashburn, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. A. Davis from Rom. 6:23.

2. After a recess of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in a house of worship and the association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder H. Taylor.

3. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present: Elders J. A. Ashburn, J. A. Shaw, J. M. Crews, A. G. Morton, J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams, H. Taylor, Jesse Brown, B. L. Trece, Elder J. D. Draughn being present from the Fisher River association, was refused a seat in our association on account of his affiliation with the Progressive Baptists of Georgia, a set of Baptists who, it is said, use organs in their churches and who are not fellowshipped by the Old Line Baptists of Georgia, or by the Promitive Baptists of North Carolina. Elder Draughn's name is on the editorial staff of the "Pilgrim Banner, a paper published by N. H. Crouse who, it is said, is one of the leading men of the "Progressives."

Elder J. A. Ashburn, of the Fisher River association, requested a copy of the above proceedings, which request was granted. Elder J. A. Ashburn and brother J. D. Key, of the Fisher River association, were seated in full membership.

4. The Rules of Decorum were read.

5. Letters from the several churches were called for, read and their state minuted. See statistical table.

6. Elder W. T. Broadway was chosen moderator.

7. As there was some trouble between Sugg's Creek and White Oak churches the association requested their delegates to come together in peace until Monday morning and report.

8. Called for corresponding messengers and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—None.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Mayo—Elder J. M. Crews.

From Black Creek—None.

From Bear Creek—Elders J. E. Williams, H. Taylor, H. M. Williams, messengers. Elders Jesse Brown, A. G. Morton, B. L. Treace and other visitors.

From Fisher's River—Elder J. A. Ashburn, messenger; brother J. D. Key and visitors.

From Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw, visitor.

From White Oak—None.

We received a file of minutes from Upper and Lower Country Line, Mountain district, Bear Creek, Little River, Kehukee, Black Creek, White Oak, Mayo, Mill Branch, Staunton River and Contentnea associations.

9. Called for Circular Letter, handed in and referred to committee of arrangements.

10. Appointed Elders P. W. Williard, C. A. Davis, brother Solomon Snider with the moderator and clerk a committee of arrangements to report Monday morning.

11. Appointed brethren L. M. Hinson and J. B. Hulen a committee on finance.

12. Elected by ballot Elders J. A. Ashburn, J. E. Williams, J. M. Crews and A. G. Morton to preach tomorrow, worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Elders J. A. Shaw, H. Taylor and B. L. Treece to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

13. Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder Jesse Brown.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Elder H. M. Williams preached at the stand from Heb. 9:28. Elder M. L. Williard followed from Rom. 10: 1-2.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 1909.

The brethren elected to preach met at the stand. Worship was opened by praise and prayer by Elder M. L. Williard. Elder J. A. Ashburn preached from Rev. 3:30. Elder J. E. Williams followed from Matt. 5:3. After an intermission of one hour Elder J. M. Crews preached from Isaiah 43:10. Elder A. G. Morton from Jonah 2:8-9. Elder P. W. Williard closed from Hosea 2:15.

14. The association met according to adjournment and was opened by praise and prayer by Elder A. G. Morton.

15. The committee of arrangements made their report. Report received and committee discharged.

16. As Suggs Creek and White Oak churches could not settle their trouble it was agreed to appoint seven men to meet two witnesses from both sides and settle the trouble. The following were appointed: Elders J. A. Ashburn, P. W. Williard, C. A. Davis, J. M. Crews, A. G. Morton, M. L. Williard and brother W. L. Bolin. They repaired from the house and took up the case at once.

17. Called messengers' names, noted absentees. Also called corresponding messengers' names.

18. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended and those who failed were excused.

19. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper Country Line—Elders W. T. Broadway, W. R. Gilmore and brother S. Snider.

To Lower Country Line—Elder W. T. Broadway.

To Mayo—Samuel Snider, Elders W. T. Broadway and Solomon Snider.

To Little River—None.

To Bear Creek—Elders W. T. Broadway, W. R. Gallimore and Sam Snider.

To Fisher's River, Elders W. T. Broadway, A. A. Snider and Solomon Snider.

And that we correspond with Contentnea, Kehukee, White Oak, Mill Branch, Mountain district, Black Creek, Fisher's River and Mayo by minutes, and that we send a file of minutes to each association that we correspond with by messengers.

20. Called for Circular Letter, read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

21. Appointed Elder W. T. Broadway to write the Circular Letter for our next year's minutes.

22. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent up from the churches	$21.25
Sent up from Abbott's church for visiting ministers	1.25
Total	$22.50

Paid for printing minutes	$10.00
Paid clerk for services	7.00
Gave to visiting ministers	5.50
Total	$22.50

Report received and committee discharged.

23. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Pierce's chapel, in Davidson county, six miles east of Cid, on the Glenanna railroad, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1910, Elder W. T. Broadway to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. R. Gallimore, alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

24. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and that we have 800 copies printed.

25. Allowed our clerk $7.00 for his services.

26. Abbott's Creek and High Point churches were granted a letter of dismissal to be organized into a new association on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1909. Elders W. R. Gallimore, Sam Snider and Solomon Snider were appointed to be present at the organization.

27. The committee appointed to settle the above-named trouble made a satisfactory settlement and their proceedings filed. The committee was discharged.

28. On motion the association advised Elder J. D. Draughn to sever his connection with the "Pilgrim Banner," which he agreed to do, providing his association advised him to do the same.

29. The association returns thanks to God, the brethren, sisters

and friends in this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness durinf this meeting.

30. Adjourned to time and place above-mentioned.

ELDER W. T. BROADWAY,
Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk.

Elders J. A. Shaw, H. Taylor, B. L. Treece and H. M. Williams preached at the stand today. The clerk failed to get texts.

NAMES AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS.

Elder W. T. Broadway, Cooleemee, N. C.

Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To Brethren and Sisters of the Primitive Baptist faith of the Abbott's Creek Association and all the lovers of the Truth in Christ—**Greeting:**

I will by the help of the Lord, attempt to write a Circular Letter for the minutes of the association:

I quote Hebrews, 13th chapter, 1st and 2d verses, "Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

All of the children of God are strangers to themselves, and when we fight each other, we destroy all of our spiritual enjoyment. To entertain them is to speak of the mercy and goodness of God, and to pray with and for each other, and get down at the feet of the brethren and esteem each other better than themselves and desiring to worship nothing but the true and living God.

If we live after the flesh we worship the things of nature which will not be accepted before God because it will go to decay, and because the earth was cursed for man's sake. Paul says: I count all things but dung and dross that I might win Christ.

God holds all things in his hands, even the breath that we breathe. So what manner of persons ought we to be? Live peaceably with all men and especially with the household of faith, But it seems that there might be divisions among us. I hope we may be able to settle all differences by the standard of truth and bring in no new things, for in the disobedience of the children of God

the nations around us will suffer together with us, for if we are what we profess to be we are the salt of the earth.

Let us go to each other in love and meekness and confess our faults to each other and leave off living after the flesh as much as possible.

Christ reigns in Zion and is the author of peace and not of confusion. He reigns in the militant kingdom, so we should be in obedience to his commands and then receive the peace he gives unto us. We are then enabled to rejoice in the love of God and the communion of the saints.

Then let us all pray that brotherly love may continue. I desire the prayers of the children of God that he may sustain and keep me from the wilds of the devil. I feel to be the least one in the kingdom, if one at all, dying daily as Paul said, because I find myself out of the way so much of my time. So I desire the peace of Zion in all the churches of the saints.

I remain your unworthy brother,

CORNELIUS A. DAVIS.

Kernersville, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill N. C., 18.
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C., 20.
Black Creek—P. D. Gold, Wilson, N. C. 20.
Little River—J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., 25.
Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C., 15.
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 40.
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va., 20.
Contentnea—J. W. Gardner, Goldsboro, N. C., 25.
Fisher's River—J. A. Ashburn, Winston-Salem, N. C., 25.
Mayo—Elder J. M. Crews, Kernersville, N. C., R. 3, 15.
Upper Country Line—Elder L. H. Hardy, Reidsville, N. C., 15.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 15.
Staunton River—Elder T. N. Walton, Danville, N. C., 15.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES AMONG CHURCHES.

Flat Creek—J. L. Morgan, Richfield, N. C., 29.
Abbott's Creek—C. A. Hayworth, Kernersville, N. C., 53.

Tom's Creek—S. Snider, Denton, N. C., R. 1, 75.
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Jubilee, N. C., R. 1, 80.
Big Creek—L. M. Morgan, Eldorado, N. C., 18.
Suggs Creek—A. P. Leach, Martin's Mill, N. C., 40.
Baines Grove—W. H. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C., 25.
Rock Hill—M. H. Hill, Caraway, N. C., R. 2, 50.
White Oak Springs—P. G. Deaton, Allred, N. C., 13.
No Creek—J. A. Forrest, Jubilee, N. C., R. 1, 37.
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Salisbury, N. C., R. 2, 60.
High Point—R. F. Stone, High Point, N. C., 38.
Princess Chapel—H. Sweney, Caraway, N. C., R. 1, 19.

REMARK—The fault that this minute was not published sooner is not against the clerk. P. D. GOLD.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Received by Ex.	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Flat Creek	Sam Snider, A. M. Surratt, J. Morgan	2	....	....	....	....	....	17	$1.15
Abbott's Creek	P. W. Williard, W. L. Bolden, C. A Davis	2	....	....	....	....	....	61	2.00
Tom's Creek	A. A. Snider, Sol. Snider, A. Jackson.	....	....	....	2	....	....	20	3.00
Pine M. H.	W. R. Gallimore, P. M. Foster, C. Young	3	....	....	2	....	2	74	3.25
Mount Tabor	Not represented	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Sandy Creek	Not represented	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Brush Creek	Not represented	....	....	....	....	1	2	9	....
Big Creek	L. W. Morgan	19	....	....	....	....	....	50	1.60
Suggs Creek	A. P. Leach, N. Tucker, L. A. Wright	3	....	1	....	1	1	7	1.00
Gaines Grove	N. B. Hilliard	....	....	....	1	....	....	20	2.00
Rock Hill	M. L. Hill, H. Tragdon, M. M. Johnson	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	50
White Oak Springs	P. G. Deaton, H. T. Tucker, Ira Freman	7	2	....	....	....	....	34	1.50
No. Creek	J. B. Hulen, J. H. M. Piedmont, L. Trogden.	1	....	....	2	....	....	22	2.50
Salisbury	A. L. Owen, L. M. Hinson, R. F. Strange	2	2	....	....	....	1	29	1.50
High Point	J. R. Peele, S. J. Crouch, B. King	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	.75
Pierces Chapel	H. Swaney, B. Yates	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Total	39	4	1	7	1	6	355	21.25

EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF

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OF PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

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COMMENCING ON SATURDAY BEFORE THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1910

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUG. 27, 1910.

1. By request of W. T. Broadway the introductory sermon was preached by Elder M. L. Williard, from Romans vii. 9

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship, and, after praise and prayer by Elder J. M. Crews, the letters from the several churches were called for, read, and their state minuted. (See statistical table). The letter from Suggs Creek was referred to committee on arraangements.

3. The Rules of Decorum were read.

4. Chose Elder W. T. Broadway moderator.

5. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated:

Elders M L. Williard, P. W. Williard, J. M. Crews, J. A. Ashburn and J. A. Shaw.

6. Called for corresponding messengers. The following appeared:

From Upper County Line—H. W. Johnson, visitor.

From Lower County Line—None.

From Mayo—None.

From Black Creek—None.

From Bear Creek—None.

From Fisher's River—Brother J. D. Key, messenger, and Elder J. A. Ashburn, visitor.

From Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw.

7. Agreed to open correspondence with Salem Association, and received Elders P. M. Williard, M. L. Williard and W. L. Boulden as messengers, and other visitors.

We received a file of minutes from Upper and Lower County Line, Little River, Contentnea, Kehukee, Bear Creek, Fisher's River and Salem Asociations.

8. Called for Circular Letter. It was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren A. A. Snider, J. B. Hulen, S. Snider, with moderator and clerk, as Committee on Arrangements.

10. Appointed Brethren M. H. Hill and J. A. Williams as Committee on Finance.

11. Elected by ballot Elders J. M. Crews, P. W. Williard, J. A. Ashburn and J. A. Shaw, to preach tomorrow, worship to commence at 10 o'clock; Elders W. T. Broadway and M. L. Williard to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

12. Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder P. W. Williard.

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SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching by Elder J. A. Shaw from John iii. 8, and Elder J. M. Crews from Matthew vi. 9.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1910.

Those elected to preach met at the stand. Elder J. A. Ashburn introduced the service of the day. Elder J. M. Crews preached from Acts iv. 2. Elder P. W. Williard followed from Ezra i. 63. After a recess of one hour Elder J. A Ashburn preached from Rev. xxii. 17. Elder J. A. Shaw closed the services from 2nd Tim. iv. 3. The word was preached with power and we hope will be as bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered many days hence.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 1910.

13. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Ashburn.

14. The Committee on Arrangements made their report. The report received and committee discharged.

15. Whereas, the church of Sugg's Creek held Elder J. D. Draughn as pastor after this association had refused him a seat in our body, and, whereas said church now comes to us and confesses to us that in the spirit of the matter she intended to do no wrong, yet in the letter she had done wrong in holding Elder Draughn as pastor while he was not in fellowship with this body, and asks all offended brethren to forgive them, therefore, we, the association, do hereby freely forgive them, and advise the fifteen member's who were excluded to return and make an effort for reconcilation.

16. Called messengers' names and noted absentees. Also called corresponding messengers' names.

17. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended; those who failed were excused.

18. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations follows:

To Upper County Line—Elder W. T. Broadway.

To Lower County Line—Brother L. A. Wright and Elder W. Broadway.

To Mayo—Elder W. T. Broadway and Brother J. B. Hulen.

To Little River—Minutes.

To Bear Creek—Elders W. T. Broadway, W. R. Gallimore, rethren Samuel Snider and N. Tucker.

To Fisher's River—Elder W. T. Broadway, Brethren J. B. Hulen, Snider, A. A. Snider and H. Monsees.

To Salem—Brethren N. Tucker, S. Snider, L. A. Wright, Solon Snider, and H. M. Swaney, and that we correspond with ontentnea, Kehukee, White Oak, Mill Branch, Mountain District and lack Creek by Minutes, and that we send a file of minutes to ach association that we correspond with by messenger.

19. Called for circular letter. It was read and ordered printd in these minutes.

20. Appointed A. N. Surratt to write a circular letter for our ext year's minutes.

21. Called on committee on Finance to report. They reported s follows:

ent up from the churches	$19.55
aid for printing minutes	$10.00
aid clerk for services	7.00
iven to visiting ministers	2.55

22. Agreed that our next association be held with the church t No Creek, Davis county, N. C., five miles south east of Bixby, on he Macksville and Mooresville railroad, one mile west of Fork hurch, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Augst, 1911, Elder W. R. Gallimore to preach the introductory sernon, Elder W. T. Broadway alternate, worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and that we have 800 copies printed.

24. Allowed our clerk $7.00 for his services.

25. Called on presbytery to report. No report.

26. Agreed that, as Elder J. D. Draughn, of Mt. Airy, N. C., has severed his connection with the Pilgrim's Banner, we no longer hold

him in bonds for his connection with said paper. But we hold him in bonds for misrepresenting his standing in our body.

27. The association thanks God, and the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

28. Adjourned to time and place mentioned.

ELDER W. T. BROADWAY, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk.

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MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elders M. L. Williard and W. T. Broadway preached at the stand. Clerk failed to get their texts. Thus closed a remarkable session of our association. Peace was restored. Seven joined the church. Strong men as well as wonmen shouted and praised God. Stubborn sinners bowed their heads and wept, and holy manna seemed to be scattered all around.

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ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

Elder W. T. Broadway, Coolumee, N. C.

Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the most precious and lovely Brethren and Messengers and Elders, which shall sit in gospel order in an association together for the purpose of the worship of the true and living God:

As it seemed good to the minds of the association last session to appoint this servants to write what is termed a circular letter to be read and approved by the body and placed in the minutes of the Abbott's Creek Association, I hope to be under the power of the Spirit of God to speak to the praise and glory of God and to the edification of the saints, and herein may I be able to consider some things which may be of some comfort to us, as we believe there is but one God, who is the beginning and the ending; the creator of all things, visible and invisible, and rules in heaven and in earth; one law giver, the man Christ Jesus, who is our life, and light, and without him we are nothing and less than nothing, but vanity and vexation of spirit. But in Christ, we can do all things pertaining to Godliness. In the life and light of the Spirit of Christ we can speak through him. We can preach Christ the power and the wisdom of God, the way, the life, and the resurrection. And without Christ we can do nothing. Now, dear

brethren; are we in Christ? The question is, how are we to be in Christ? Answer: To be in Christ, is to be in humble obedience to the word of Christ, in the letter of the New Testament, and in the written law of God in heart as in accordance with the word in letter. Having the witness within bearing testimony in accordance together, herein we have confidence that we are the children of God, and if children, then heirs and joint heirs with Christ. There is such a thing as a child of God being out of communion with Christ, and that one is not in Christ. What is Christ's first command to those that love him? This is important to us. Answer: "If you love me keep my commandments." Brethren and sisters, do we love Christ? If we loved Christ it is because he fifirst loved us and gave himself for us. Now, how do you and I make manifest the love of Christ? We first make manifest the love of Christ by denying ourselves and following Christ in the commandments. Hear the command of Christ and then the promise of Christ in His word: "Come unto me, all that are weary and heavey laden, and I will give you rest. In me ye shall have peace, but in the world ye shall have trouble." This shows the way clearly set forth in Christ, and I want to say to all such as have seen and felt condemned before God as sinners, and in the goodness of God in his mercy toward them in the forgiveness of sin, and have hope to believe in Christ as your Saviour, to you is the commandment sent, together with the precious promise of Christ, and when you go or when you went to the church, there is an answer of a clear mind, and peace, love and joy follow. This declares our communion with Christ. This carries all the ordinances of the church in the Gospel order of decipline of every church of God, and where a church is in union and communion with each other there it is that that church is in union and communion with God, and there are not words sufficient to express the happy state of that church. So, dear brethren, strive to enter in at the straight gate, and endeavor to keep the spirit of unity in the bonds of peace, and beware of all such things as may be calculated to disturb the peace of the saints, either in the order of the church or in the order of the association, and shun every appearance of evil; love the brotherhood. Brethren, do not go to the house of God to wrangle or quarrel. Evil communication corrupts good manners, but a meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price. So, dear brethren, fare you well. If you can think of me, pray that the Lord may deliver us from the evil of unreasonable men. Your brother in hope.

W. T. BROADWAY.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp. and Bap	Rec'd by Recom'n'tion	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meetings	Contributions
Flat Creek	Samuel Snider, J Morgan, A N Surratt	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	1 00
Toms Creek	A A Snider, S Snider, H C Garner	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	2 25
Pine, M H	J A Williams, H Monsees, W P Williams	5	..	..	..	..	3	1	75	..	3 50
Mount Tabor	Represented by contribution	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50
Sandy Creek	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Brush Creek	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Big Creek	Represented by contribution	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Suggs Creek	A P Leach, N Tucker, L A Wright	1	..	..	1	2	16	..	34	..	3 00
Gaines Grove	William Gaines, N B Hilliard, W M Tally	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	2 00
Rock Hill	M H Hill, A H Trogden, William Trogion	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	17	..	1 60
White Oak Springs	H T Tucker, P G Deaton, I Freemon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	70
No Creek	J P Foster, J B Hulen, J H Deadmon	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	29	..	1 75
Salisbury	Elder W T Broadway, J F Owen, A L Owen	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	20	..	2 00
Pierces Chapel	Baily Yates, H Swaney	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	75
	Total	16			1	6	21	2	248	..	19 55

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PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday, August 26, 1911.

1. By the request of Elder W. R. Gallimore, Elder J. A. Ashburn preached the introductory sermon from Matt. 23:37-38 verses.

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by Elder J. R. Jones, the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their state minuted. (See statistical table.)

3. The Rules of Decorum were read.

4. Chose Elder W. T. Broadway Moderator.

5. Invited visiting ministers to seats—the following were present and seated: Elders P. W. Williard, C. A. Davis, J. M. Crews, J. A. Ashburn, W. C. Jones, J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams, W. R. Helms, C. B. Denny, J. R. Jones and Samuel McMillon.

6. Called for corresponding messengers. The following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—Elder W. C. Jones and C. B. Tillinon.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Mayo—None.

From Black Creek—None.

From Bear Creek—Elders J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams and D. P. Howard and other visitors.

From Fishers River—Eld. C. B. Denny and J. D. Key and visitors.

From Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw.

From Little River—Elder J. R. Jones and visitors.

From Salem—EldersP. W. Williard, C. A. Davis, J. A. Ashburn—Messengers, Eld. J. M. Crews and other visitors.

Elder Samuel McMillon was a visitor from Nolachucky Association.

We received a file of Minutes from Upper and Lower Country Line, Contentnea, Kehukee, Bear Creek, Salem, Black Creek, White Oak and Little River Associations.

7. Called for Circular Letter. It was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

8. Appointed Brethren D. P. Broadway, L. A. Wright, and N. Tucker with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren C. B. Owen and B. A. Peacock as committee on Finance.

10. Elected by ballot, Elders Samuel McMillon, J. R. Jones, J. M. Crews and J. E. Williams to preach tomorrow. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock. Elders J. A. Shaw, P. W. Williard and J. A. Ashburn to preach Monday. Worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

11. Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Dismissed by Elder J. A Ashburn

Saturday Evening.

Elder J. R. Jones preached at the stand from Matt. 5:1-4, followed by Elder Samuel McMillon from Isaiah 41:17.

Sunday, August 27, 1911.

Those elected to preach met at the stand. Elder W. C. Jones opened the services by praise and prayer. Elder Samuel McMillon preached from Leviticus 7:11, followed by Elder J. R. Jones from Isaiah 11:5.

After a recess of one hour Elder J. M. Crews preached from 1 Thess. 4:5, followed by Elder J. E. Williams from John 21:15.

Monday, August 28, 1911.

12. The Association met according to adjournment Praise and prayer by Elder P. W. Williard.

13. The committee on arrangements made their report. Report received and committee discharged.

14. Called messenger's names, noted absentees, also called corresponding messenger's names.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report—some attended—those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows:

To Upper Country Line—None.

To Lower Country Line—None.

To Mayo—None.

To Little River—None.

To Bear Creek—Samuel Snider, A. N. Surratt, and Elder W. T. Broadway.

To Fishers River—None.

To Salem—N. Tucker.

And that we correspond with Contentnea, Kehukee, White Oak, Mill Branch, Mountain District and Black Creek by Minutes, and that we send a file of Minutes to each Association that we correspond with by Messengers.

17. Called for circular letter. It was read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

18. Appointed Bro. L. A. Wright to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

19. Called on committe on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent up from the churches $18.15

Expenditures.

Paid for printing minutes	$13.00	
Paid Clerk for services	7.00	
	$20.00	
Balance due Clerk		$1.85

Report received and committee discharged.

20. Agreed that our next Associtian be held with the church at White Oak Springs, Montgomery County, 1 1-2 miles north of Star, and 1-2 mile south of Ether, on the Aberdeen and Ashboro Railroad, to convene on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1912—Elder W. T. Broadway to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. R. Gallimore, alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

21. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and that we have 800 copies printed.

22. On motion the Clerk was allowed $7.00 for his services.

23. Called on presbyterie to report. Elder W. T. Broadway reported that according to a request from Tom's Creek church, that Elder W. R. Gallimore and himself met

on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Oct., 1910 and proceeded to ordain Bro. H. C. Garner to the office of deacon for said church.

24. Agreed that we tender our thanks to God, and the community for the kind hospitality during our stay at this place.

25. Relative to the 5th item of the minutes of Fishers River Association of Nov. 4-6, 1910, submitting the following statement and request for pardon by Elder J. D. Draughn, to-wit: (When I wrote the card to Sister John Aumon's daughter, I felt that the act of Abbotts Creek, 1909, 28 item of their minutes, settled all prior actions of that body, relative to myself, and I only meant to labor and was laboring to try to save the dear sister Aumon from trouble; and the writing of the card was considered between myself and others; and after it was written I read it to the parties present and they approved the writing before I mailed it. I wish now I had never written the card as others seem to see it different; and I now ask pardon for all that grew out of the writing as the result of my imperfections.

The Association agreed to accept the same and drop the matter.

26. On motion, the Association granted a letter of dismission to the church at No-Creek by their request.

27. After the minutes were read and received the Association adjourned to time and place mentioned.

ELDER W. T. BROADWAY,
Moderator.

A. L. OWEN,
Clerk.

Elders J. A. Shaw, P. W. Williard and J. A. Ashburn preached at the stand today—clerk failed to get texts.

Addresses of our Ministers.

Elder W. T. Broadway, Cooleemee, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

Distribution of Minutes to Churches.

Flat Creek—J. L. Morgan, Richfield, N. C., R. 2—28.
Toms Creek—Solomon Snider, Denton, N. C.—88.
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Jubilee, N. C., R. 1—80.
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Eldorado, N C.—17
Suggs Creek—A. P. Leach, Martins, N. C.—57.
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Sanford, N. C., R. 3.—25.
Rock Hill—M. H. Hill, Caraway, N. C, R 2.—28.

White Oak Springs—P. G. Deaton, Allreds, N. C.—19.
No-Creek—J. B. Hulen, Jubilee, N. C., R. 1.—42.
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Salisbury, N. C., R. 2.—75.
Percis Chapel—H. M. Swaney, Caraway, N. C., R. 1.—15
Mount Tabor—M. H. Hill, Caraway, N. C., R. 2.—20.
Sandy Creek—Mrs. Vandelia E. Jones, Liberty, N. C.—20
A total of 514.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

As I was appointed by the Association to write a circular letter for our next minutes, I will now try to perform my duty, not knowing what to write, but if I only could be blessed of the good Lord to write what competent judges would consider a good letter, I feel like I would be thankful, to his great name and satisfied.

The 25th chapter of Psalms and 14th verse reads thus: "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him."

It seems to me that I have seen a great beauty and mystery in these precious words spoken by King David, a man after Gods own heart. We will try to inquire what the secret of the Lord is It is a revealed knowledge from High Heaven without which a man cannot know God, nor the son Jesus Christ, whom to know aright is life eternal. In Deut. 29th chapter and 29th verse we see that the secret things belongs unto the Lord our God. But these things which are revealed belong unto us. And so they are still secret things after they have been revealed unto his people. For the world knows nothing about them. The carnal mind is not susceptible of them. Although all preachers everywhere who have not known this secret of the Lord are proclaiming that they can and have learned it by a natural study. But if it was in the reach of all men it would be no secret. Let us hear the precious words of Jesus on this subject, "I thank thee oh Father, Lord of Heaven and earth that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes."

Who are those that Jesus called babes? Them that know the secret things of the Lord. No odds how old they are nor how young, then who are they that Jesus called the wise and prudent? Them that come in the name of Christ, eating their own bread (doctrine) and wearing their apparel (works.) See Isiah fourth chapter and 1st verse.

But the children of the Lord are dependent upon their Father for both, and wisdom of man never has been able to comprehend the deep things of God. But he holds them in his own power and reveals them unto whom he will. Anything that is as high as the heavens is surely out of the reach of man, and according to the word of the Lord recorded by Isaiah 55th chapter and 9th verse, saying "For as the heavens are higherthan the earth so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." So the ways and thoughts and purposes of God are all concealed from the proud, the wise and prudent and are revealed unto his humble poor people. It is said that wisdom is justified of her children, then when men in preaching or teaching fail to justify wisdom in their faith and doctrine prove themselves not to be the children of wisdom, who know the secret of the Lord, and cannot discern the difference between truth and error. For without it we are not able to detect truth from error. Then they that have the secret of the Lord cannot trust in the doctrine of man, for cursed is everyone that trusteth in man or maketh flesh his stay.

Jesus said, "I come not to bring peace, but a sword." It never was the will of God to compromise with the carnal notions of men, but this sword above mentioned is the word of God, in great power and holiness cutting off all the doctrines of men and every denomination which hath not the faith and doctrine of God our Saviour, saying every plant which the Father hath not planted shall be rooted up and if any man build on any other foundation than that which hath already been laid by the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, let him be accursed. Now this foundation is what the church of Christ is built upon and if we judge the Primitive Baptists aright according to her faith and doctrine, she is the church of Christ and is built upon the rock Christ Jesus and I take great pleasure in trying to defend her rights and I am not ashamed to publicly expose all erroneous doctrine and contend earnestly for her truths and for her doctrine of discrimination, and this doctrine is not too hard for men and women whom the secret of the Lord is with. Yea I can say from my heart that I believe the Primitive Baptists are the people that have the secret of the Lord and therefore they are the chief of all people in all the world to me, and

that they are the people of the true and living God and I can say to all other people like Joshua of old, "If it seemeth evil to you to serve this God (they could not make themselves any worse) and just choose and worship any god they please." But we who have the secret of the Lord will worship the true and living God.

A. N. SURRATT.

Minutes to Sister Associations.

White Oak—Eld. Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.—20.
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C., R. 1.—20.
Black Creek—Eld. J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.—20.
Little River—Eld. J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C.—25.
Mill Branch—Eld. Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.—15.
Kehukee—Eld. S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.—40.
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va.—25.
Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C., R. 2.—25.
Fishers River—Eld. A. M. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C.—25.
Mayo—Eld. E. M. Bernard, Peter's Creek, Va.—15.
Upper C. L.—Elder L. H. Hardy, Reidsville, N. C.—16.
Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.—15.
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Ringold, Va.—15.
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.—10.
Total, 286.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches.	Names of Messengers.	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Memb'rship	Contributions.
Flat Creek	S Snider, A. N. Surratt, Jacob Morgan					1	1	16	1.00
Tom's Creek	H. C. Garner, U. L. Peacock, B. A. Peacock	13					2	35	3.55
Pine M. H.	A. M. Williams, A. W. Snider, S. B. Beck	3		1	1	1	1	76	3.00
Mount Tabor	Not Represented								
Sandy Creek	Not Represented								
Brush Creek	Not Represented								
Big Creek	L. W. Morgan							7	.60
Suggs Creek	L. A. Wright, T. W. Maness, N. Tucker	2			1		3	32	2.20
Gaines Grove	N. B. Hilliard, W. M. Tally, J. W. Gains						2	8	1.00
Rock Hill	William Trogdon, W. H. Lawrence, C. Smith			1				17	1.00
White Oak Springs	Ira Freeman, H. T. Tucker, P. G. Deaton							8	.60
No-Creek	F. M. Williams, J. P. Foster, W. A. Snider	1				1	1	28	1.70
Salisbury	D. P. Broadway, C. B. Owen, A. L. Owen	2	1		2		1	21	3.00
Pierces Chapel	H. M. Swaney, Bagly Yates	1						5	.50
		22	1	2	4	3	11	253	18.15

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Proceedings.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th, 1912.

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Broadway from Rom. 15:8.

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by Elder B. L. Treece the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their state minuted (see statistical table.)

3. Reading the rules of decorum was omitted.

4. Chose Elder W. T. Broadway, Moderator.

5. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders H. D. Mickey, J. A. Shaw, B. L. Treece, H. M. Williams, J. W. Shurfield, B. H. Harrelson, A. G. Morton, Licenciates, J. R. Jones, T. M. Broom, Elder P. W. Williard.

6. Called for corresponding messengers. The following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—Brethren J. F. Buckner, A. G. Thomas, J. W. Gilliam visiters.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Mayo—None.

From Black Creek—Brother J. T. Lamm, visitor.

From Bear Creek—Brother D. B. Howard, messenger, Elder B. L. Treece and H. M. Williams, visitors.

From Fisher's River—Elder H. D. Mickey, messenger.

From Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw visitor.

From Little River—Brother J. R. Jones, messenger.

From Salem—Elder A. G. Morton, Brother W. L. Bouldin, W. T. Garrison, J. J. Idol, A. H. Idol and Elder P. W. Williard, visitors.

From Mill Branch—Elder B. H. Harrilson, visitor.

We received a file of minutes from Contentnea, Kehukee, Black Creek, White Oak, Little River, Mayo, Fisher's River, Bear Creek, Mountain District and New River.

7. Called for circular letter. It was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

8. Appointed Elder W. R. Gallimore and Brethren Samuel Snider, and B. A. Peacock with the moderator and

clerk as committee on arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren M. H. Hill and L. A. Wright as committee on finance.

10. Agreed to preach only ordained ministers on Sunday.

11. Elected by ballot, Elders H. W. Mickey, J. A. Shaw, B. L. Treece and B. H. Harrilson to preach tomorrow, worship to commence at 10 o'clock and Elders W. T. Broadway, J. W. Shurfield and Brother J. R. Jones to preach Monday worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

12. Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder H. D. Mickey.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Brother J. R. Jones preached at the stand from 1st Samuel 17:29 followed by Elder B. H. Harrilson from 1st Peter 1:1.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th, 1912.

Those elected to preach met at the stand after praise and prayer by Elder P. W. Williard. Elder H. D. Mickey preached from John 14:1-3; followed by Elder J. A. Shaw from 2d Kings 5:13-14, after an intermission of one hour Elder B. L. Treece preached from John 17:2.

The inclemency of the weather prevented Elder B. H. Harrilson from preacheing. Elder P. W. Williard preached at 4 o'clock from Rev. 4:1-4.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1912.

13. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Shurfield.

14. The committee on arrangements made their report. Report received and committee discharged.

15. Called messengers names. Noted absentees, also called corresponding messengers' names.

16. Called on corresponding mesengers to report. Some attended those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers tos sister Associations as follows:

To Upper Country Line—H. W. Johnson.

To Lower Country Line—None.

To Mayo—B. A. Peacock, Samuel Snider.

To Little River—Elder W. T. Broadway.

To Bear Creek—Elder W. R. Gallimore and Samuel Snider.

To Fisher's River—Elder W. T. Broadway, R. F. Strange and C. B. Owen.

To Salem—None.

Elder B. H. Harrilson being present from Mill Branch Association invited correspondence with some, which was accepted and Elder W. T. Broadway and H. W. Johnson was appointed to attend and that we correspond with Contentnea, White Oak, Mountain District and Black Creek by minutes and that we send a file of minutes to each Association that we correspond with by messengers.

18. Called for circular letter. It was read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Elder W. R. Gallimore to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent up from the churches	$21.55	
Made up by delegates	3.05	
Total		24.60
Paid for printing minutes	$15.00	
Paid clerk for services	7.00	
Due clerk from last year	1.85	
Gave to Moderator	.75	
Total		$24.60

Report received and committee discharged.

21. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Gaines' Grove, five miles south of Bear Creek on the Southern Railroad and three miles north of Carbonton on the D. and C. Railroad in Chatham County, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August 1913. Elder W. R. Gallimore to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. T. Broadway alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

22. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and that we have 800 copies printed.

23. On motion the clerk was allowed $7.00 for his services.

24. Called on presbyteries to report. When Elder W. R.

Gallimore reported that Elders M. L. Williard, W. C. Jones and himself and Deacon A. J. Tillman were called to Old Brush Creek church for the purpose of re-organizing the same, which was done on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in June 1912. Her delegates were received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

25. Agreed that we return thanks to God and the Brethren, Sisters and Friends of this community for kindness shown us during this meeting.

26. After the minutes were read and received the Association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

ELDER W. T. BROADWAY,
Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk.
Salisbury, N. C., R. No. 2.

MONDAY PREACHING.

Elders P. W. Williard, J. W. Shurfield and Brother J. R. Jones preached at the stand, clerk failed to get texts.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C., R. 1.....	20
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.	20
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C...	25
Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.	15
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	40
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va.	25
Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C. R. 2.	25
Fisher's River—Elder A. M. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C. ..	25
Mayo—Eldr E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va.	15
Upper Country Line—Elder L. H. Hardy, Reidsville,N.C.	16
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	15
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Danville, Va.	15
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.	10
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	14
Total	300

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES.

Flak Creek—J. L. Morgan, Richfield, N. C. R. 2	30
Tom's Creek—Solomon Snider, Denton, N. C.	80

Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Jubilee, N. C., R. 1.....	72
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Eldorado, N. C.	15
Brush Creek—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.	30
Sugg's Creek—A. P. Leach, Martin's Mill, N. C.	60
Gaines' Grove—J. W. Gaines, Sanford, N. C., R. 3....	24
Rock Hill—M. H. Hill, Caraway, N. C., R. 2.....	48
White Oak Springs—P. G. Deaton, Allreds, N. C.....	24
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Salisbury, N. C., R. 2.....	72
Pierce's Chapel—H. M. Sweney, Caraway, N. C. R. 1. ..	36
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C., R. F. D. ..	9
Total	500

As I was appointed by the Abbott's Creek Association of 1911 to write a circular letter for the minutes of 1912, I will now try to perform that duty.

If the brethren who appointed me were moved by the Spirit of God, I feel that the letter will be of comfort to some one at least, if not, the letter will be a failure.

In the 3rd chapter of St. John and the 7th verse, we have this Scripture; "Ye must be born again."

The word "again" in this Scripture means, another time, and nothing can happen another time until it has happened one time. Then there must be two births in order to be born again. The first birth, of course, is a natural birth and the second a spiritual birth. Then it follows that the child of the natural birth is a natural child or a child of the flesh, and the child of the spiritual birth is a spiritual child or a child of God.

The natural child, when born, at once becomes the child of his parents, no one else claims him. He is under the direct control of, and in the immediate care of his parents. They handle the babe tenderly, administer to his needs, lead him about and instruct him in the way that they think he should go; but as man is fallible, he often makes mistakes.

This natural child, when born, at once becomes sensible of pain and hunger, it soon learns to appeal to its parents for comfort and protection. Just how soon it realizes true relations that exist between father and son, it would be hard to tell, but the more it learns of its relations to father the better it loves him.

As the natural child, when born, becomes sensible of pain and hunger, so does the spiritual child, when quickened by the Holy Spirit become sensible of the weight of the great load of sin which he has heaped upon himself. He at once flees to the law for justification, but finds only condemnation, he vows he will reform his life and puts on his self-righteousness which proves to be nothing but filthy rags, he pins fig-leaves together to clothe himself, but finds himself yet naked, he groans, he mourns, he begs, he prays. He has exhausted all of his powers and finally he realizes his entire helplessness and inability to free himself from the great burden that has so long wearied him, then it is, that he goes to his Heavenly Father and casts his all at His feet and becomes willing to be God's anything, then it is that the Comforter comes and he is made to rejoice and realize what Jesus meant, when he said: "If I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you." John 16-7 and again. "I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter; that He may abide with you for ever: Even the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive."

The great secret of genuine Christianity is in this second birth. You may approach any, so-called, sinner and ask him if he is a sinner and he will answer "Yes," yet he seems indifferent and unconcerned. He has told you the truth, he is a sinner, a dead sinner. When you converse with him further he will show the Pharisee, you will find him claiming to be about as good as others around him: But after awhile you meet him again, he is not the bright looking fellow you saw a few days ago, he is now careworn, bowed down, and distressed, he realizes that he is a sinner indeed and in truth, and of all men the most miserable. You ask him, if he is a sinner and he answers "Yes" he feels to be the very chief of sinners. He tells you the truth, he is a live sinner and ere long will you see him rejoicing that the Comforter has come. He can now, as never before, say our Father which art in Heaven. As the earthly father leads his children about and instructs them, and administers to their needs, so does the Heavenly Father through the Holy Comforter, lead His children about and instruct them and administer to their needs. The earthly father is fallible and may lead wrong, but the Heavenly Father

is infallible and can not lead wrong.

Now that you have been quickened and have been visited by the Comforter which Jesus promised would come, what shall you do? You are a child of God and you should obey Him. He says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest unto your souls, Mat. 11-29. In this Scripture, the child of God is commanded to do two things, then Jesus promises one thing. The first command is: "Take my yoke upon you." The second command is: "Learn of me," and the promise is: that "Ye shall find rest to your souls." So it is when we obey that we enjoy the presence of the Comforter, it is when we walk close around the City of Zion that we are happy and strong in the Lord. Now that you have received the Comforter, what shall you do? Jesus says, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for you." Mark 5-19. Now, to all, who feel that they are sinners and feel to hope that they have been visited by the Comforter, let me say: come and take the yoke upon you, go home to your friends, which I believe is the church, obey the commands of your Heavenly Father, and I assure you, from my own experience, that you shall find rest to your souls. I sometimes hear our people advise the children of God in this manner, "Never join the church as long as you can help it."

Now my dear brethren I would refer you to 2nd Timothy 3rd chapter verses 16 and 17. "Al Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The one great purpose of the Scripture being given, is, according to the above text; that the man of God may be perfect and thoroughly furnished, and now I would pause to ask, where does the man of God get his furnishing that prompts him to advise the child of God to neglect his duty as long as he can?

Now dear brethren, excuse my feeble efforts, and may God's richest blessings rest on you and all who love Him in deed and in truth.

Your brother in hope,

L. A. WRIGHT.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Names of Messengers.	Rec'd. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Contribution
Flat Creek.....	Samuel Snider, A. N. Surratt, Jacob Morgan	4						21	1.25
Tom's Creek.....	Lee Snider, B. A. Peacock, U. L. Peacock....	1					2	34	4.20
Pine M. H.....	Eld. W.R.Gallimore, P.M.Foster, J.A.Williams,	4			4		1	73	3.00
Mount Tabor....	Not Represented								
Sandy Creek.....	Not Represented								
Brush Creek.....	L. J. Hix, H. W. Johnson.....							5	1.25
Big Creek.....	L. W. Morgan							8	.50
Sugg's Creek.....	W. E. Borough, N. Tucker, L. A. Wright....							32	2.50
Gaines Grove....	J. W. Gaines, W. M. Talley.....					1		9	1.00
Rock Hill.....	M. H. Hill, Harris Trogdon, C. Smith				1			16	2.00
White Oak Springs	Ira Fremon, H. T. Tucker, P. G. Deaton....							8	.85
Salisbury.....	R. F. Strange, C. B. Owen, A. L. Owen.....	2	2			1		24	3.50
Pierces Chapel...	H. M. Swaney, Tomy Small, Bagley Yales ..	3						8	1.50

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PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1913.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder W. J. Greene, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. R. Gallimore, from Matt. 28:18.

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder L. T. Tucker, the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their state minuted (See statistical table). A letter was read from a sister of Mount Tabor church, which was referred to the Committee on Arrangements; also a letter was received from White Oak Springs church, stating that the legality of the organization of said church had been doubted. Which was also referred to committee on arrangements.

3. The Rules of Decorum were read.

4. Chose Elder W. T. Broadway Moderator.

5. Invited visiting ministers to seats; the following were present and seated: Elders W. C. Jones, W. J. Greene, J. A. Shaw, W. M. Monsees, J. P. Tingle, L. T. Tucker.

6. Called for corresponding messengers. The following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—Elder W. C. Jones, Messenger; A. Whitfield, J. F. Buckner, W. H. Johnson, visitors.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Mayo—None.

From Bear Creek—None.

From Black Creek—None.

From Fisher's River—Elder L. T. Tucker.

From Kehukee—Elder J. A. Shaw, visitor.

From Little River—None.

From Salem—Brethren A. J. Tillman, J. E. Monsees, H. L. Miller, visitors.

From Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle, visitor.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Seven Miles—Elder W. M. Monsees, visitor.

From Ockmulgee, Ga.—Elder W. J. Greene, visitor.

We received a file of minutes from Contentnea, Kehukee, Black Creek, Little River, Mayo, Fisher's River, Bear

Creek, Mountain District, Upper and Lower Country Line, Salem, and White Oak Associations.

7. Called for circular letter. It was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

8. Appointed Elders Samuel McMillan, W. R. Gallimore and Bro. M. H. Hill, with the Moderator and Clerk, as Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren L. A. Wright, P. H. L. Snider Committee on Finance.

10. Elected by ballot, Elders J. P. Tingle, W. L. Greene, Samuel McMillon and W. C. Jones to preach tomorrow, worship to commence at 10 o'clock, and Elders W. M. Monsees, J. A. Shaw and L. T. Tucker to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

11. Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder W. R. Gallimore.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Elder J. A. Shaw preached, from Eph. 2:8, followed by Elder W. J. Greene, from Eph. 5:14.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1913.

Those elected to preach met at the stand. Elder J. P. Tingle opened the services and preached from Heb. 11:1; followed by W. J. Greene, from 1 Cor. 1:23. He was followed by Elder Samuel McMillon, from Acts 22:9.

After recess of one hour Elder W. C. Jones continued the services and preached from Rom. 8:38-39. Elder L. T. Tucker, who was to preach Monday was called on and preached from John 17:3.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1913.

12. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Shaw.

13. The Committee on Arrangements made their report. Report received, and committee discharged.

14. Called messengers names, noted absentees; also called corresponding messengers' names.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended; those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations, as follows:

To Upper Country Line—Elders W. R. Gallimore, Samuel McMillon, Bro. H. W. Johnson.

To Lower Country Line—None.

To Mayo—None.

To Little River—None.

To Bear Creek—Elders W. T. Broadway, Samuel McMillon, Bro. S. Snider.

To Fisher's River—Elder Samuel McMillon.

To Salem—Elders Samuel McMillon, W. R. Gallimore, and Bros. H. W. Johnson, S. Snider, M. H. Hill, N. Tucker.

To Mill Branch—Elder Samuel McMillon.

And that we correspond with Contentnea, White Oak, Mountain District and Black Creek by minutes, and that we send a file of minutes to each Association that we correspond with by messengers.

17. Called for circular letter. It was read, and ordered printed with these minutes.

18. Appointed Elder Samuel McMillon to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

19. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They reported as follows: Sent up from the churches, $22.00. Paid for printing minutes, $15.00; paid Clerk for services, $7.00. Report received and committee discharged.

20. Agreed, that our next Association be held with the church at Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C., one mile west of station, on the Lincolnton road, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1914. Elder Samuel McMillon to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder W. T. Broadway, alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

21. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and that we have 800 copies printed.

22. On motion, the Clerk was allowed $7.00 for his services.

23. Called on presbyteries to report. No. report.

24. By request of Sister Mary Sanford, from Mt. Tabor Church, Elders W. T. Broadway, W. R. Gallimore, Deacons L. J. Hix, H. W. Johnson and Harris Trogdon, were appointed to meet with said church and transact such business as may come before them, at a time to be appointed to suit themselves.

25. In regard to the organization of White Oak Springs church, will say that our committee examined papers and

witnesses concerning the same, and found it was done legal and in gospel order.

26. On motion, the Association returns thanks to God, the brethren, sisters and friends of this community for kindness shown us during this meeting; also, that we thank the Missionaries for the use of their house on Saturday.

27. After the minutes were read and received the Association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

ELDER W. T. BROADWAY, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk,
Salisbury, N. C., R. 2.

MONDAY—PREACHING.

Elder W. M. Monsees preached, from Isa. 9:6, followed by Elder J. A. Shaw.

Names and Addresses of Our Ministers.

Elder W. T. Broadway, Indian Trail, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.
Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C., R. 1.

Dear Brethren:—As I was appointed by our last Association to write a circular letter, I will now make the attempt, hoping that I may be guided by the Spirit, for without that it is no good.

The word faith seems to be present with me at this time. Paul says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God" Heb. 11:6. We will now notice how we come in possession of faith. Paul says again, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God;" so then the dead sinner can not have faith in God until quickened into divine life, and Christ says, "It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing, the words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life. John 6:63. So then we see that the dead sinner can not have faith, neither can he please God. Paul to the Ephesians says, "God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ. By grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.

So, dear brethren, we have nothing to boast of, but thankful ought we to be if we have been born again and have the new law in our hearts and in our minds, written there by God's everlasting love.

Dear brethren, may we ever be found walking according to that law and follow our blessed Saviour in every precept and example, and may our walk be upright, and our conversation of a God-like nature.

May we watch over each other for good and not for evil, and may the great head of the church be our everlasting guide, having faith to believe Christ died for us, rose for us and now is exalted at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us, and we are looking by faith for Him to come after us and take us home, where we will see Him as He is and be like Him, and praise His holy name in that world that shall never end.

Dear brethren, do with this as you think best.

Written by your little brother in hope,

W. R. GALLIMORE.

Minutes to Sister Associations.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C., 20.
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C., R. 1, 20.
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C., 20.
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C., 25.
Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C., 15.
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C., 40.
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va., 25.
Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C., R. 2, 25.
Fisher's River—Elder A. M. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C., 25.
Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va., 15.
Upper Country Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C., 16.
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C., 15.
Salem—W. L. Teague—Winston-Salem, N. C., 20.
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va., 19.
Total, 300.

Distribution of Minutes to Churches.

Flat Creek—J. L. Morgan, Richfield, N. C., R. 2, 30.
Tom's Creek—Solomon Snider, Denton, N. C., 80.
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Jubilee, N. C., R. 1, 70.
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Eldorado, N. C., 15.
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C., 25.
Sugg's Creek—A. P. Leach, Martin's Mill, N. C., 68.
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Sanford, N. C., R. 3, 25.
Rock Hill—M. H. Hill, Caraway, N. C., R. 2, 34.
White Oak Springs—H. T. Tucker, Allreds, N. C., 15.
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Salisbury, N. C., R. 2, 93.
Pierces Chapel—H. M. Swaney, Caraway, N. C., R. 1, 35.
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C., 10.
Total, 500.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Names of Messengers	Rec. by Exp.	Rec. by Letter	Restored.	Dis by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Mem.	Contributions.
Flat Creek....	Represented by letter and contribution.....							21	1.25
Tom's Creek...	N. L. Peacock, S. Snider, P. H. L. Snider.....	1		1				34	3.60
Pine M. H.....	Elder W. R. Gallimore; P. M. Foster.....	4	2				3	71	3.00
Mt. Tabor.....	Not represented							4	
Sandy Creek...	Not represented								
Brush Creek..	L. J. Hicks, H. W. Johnson.....							5	1.00
Big Creek.....	Represented by contribution.....								.50
Sugg's Creek..	L. A. Right, T. L. Maness, N. Tucker.....		1					31	3.05
Gaine's Grove.	J. W. Gaines, W. M. Tally.....							9	1.00
Rock Hill.....	M. H. Hill, George King.....							17	1.50
White Oak Springs	I. Freeman, H. C. Tucker.....						1	7	.50
Salisbury.....	Elder Samuel McMillon, A. L. Owen, C. B. Owen*.		2		1		1	24	5.30
Pierces' Chapel	Tom Small, W. M. Swanney, W. F. Snider*....	2						10	1.30
	Absentees marked thus (*)								
	Totals.....	7	5		2		5	223	22.00

Minutes of the Eighty-ninth Annual Session of the

Abbott's Creek Association

of Primitive Baptists

Held with the Church at Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C.
Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 22, 23, 24, 1914

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1914

1. By request of Elder Samuel McMillon the introductory rmon was preached by Elder C. H. Cayce, of the Greenfield ssociation in Tennessee, from Isaiah liv. 9, 10.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the delegates from e different churches met in the house of worship, and after aise, and prayer by Elder J. T. Rowe, the letters from the veral churches were called for, read, and their state minuted ee statistical table).

3. Called for petitionary letters, when Brother J. M. ogdon presented a letter from a newly constituted church at xington which desired to be admitted into this Association. er request was granted, the Moderator giving her delegates the ht hand of fellowship.

4. Reading the Rules of Decorum was omitted.

5. Chose Elder W. T. Broadway moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were esent and seated: J. T. Rowe, J. M. Crews, P. D. Gold, J. Monsees, C. H. Cayce, J. A. Ashburn, M. B. Martin, H. aylor, Isaac Jones, W. C. Jones, J. F. Mills, A. G. Morton, W. Williard, J. T. Coats, J. E. Williams, H. M. Williams, A. Davis, W. A. Simpkins, O. J. Denny, B. L. Treece, and A. Gourley.

7. Called for corresponding messengers. The following peared:

From Upper County Line—Elder W. C. Jones, Brother R. Harris, messengers; Brother J. W. Gilliam, visitor.

From Lower County Line—J. A. Carver.

From Black Creek—Elder P. D. Gold.

From Fisher's River—None.

From Salem—Elders P. W. Willlard and C. A. Davis, ssengers; Elders J. A. Ashburn, A. G. Morton, J. M. Crews, l others, visitors.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Kehukee—None.

From Contentnea—None.

From Little River—Elders J. T. Coats and W. A. Simpki visitors.

Elder C. H. Cayce, a visitor from Greenfield Associati Elder J. T. Rowe, from Baltimore; Brother J. R. More, fr Silver Creek Association; Elder M. B. Martin, Brethren Colu bus Edwards, Hiram Edwards, S. J. Caudle and Clevela Caudle, from Mountain District, were all seated in full lowship.

We received a file of minutes from Mountain District, Up County Line, Lower County Line, Kehukee, Little River, Bl Creek, White Oak, Fisher's River, New River, Bear Creek Salem associations.

8. Called for Circular Letter. It was handed in and ferred to Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren Samuel Snider, A. N. Surratt P. H. Snider, with the Moderator and Clerk, as a Commi on Arrangements.

10. Appointed Brethren W. P. Williams and H. T. Tuc a Committee on Finance.

11. Elected, by ballot, Elders P. D. Gold, J. T. Ro C. H. Cayce and Isaac Jones to preach tomorrow, worship commence at 10 o'clock; and Elders J. T. Coats, W. A. Sin kins, M. B. Martin and J. A. Ashburn to preach Monday, w ship to commence at 9:30 o'clock.

12. Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Dismissed by Elder J. A. Ashburn.

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SATURDAY EVENING

Preaching conducted at the stand by Elder J. M. Crews f no special text; followed by Elder J. M. Monsees, text, Matt xxviii. 19, 20. Elders W. C. Jones and J. E. Williams preac Saturday night. Clerk failed to get texts.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 1914

Those elected to preach met at the stand. Elder P. Gold opened services and preached from Genesis i. 20; follo by Elder J. T. Rowe, 2 Timothy i. 9, 10. After a reces one hour, Elder C. H. Cayce preached from 1 Peter iii. followed by Elder Isaac Jones, from Zechariah xiii. 7. E O. J. Denny preached at 3:30, from 1 John iii. 8. Elders J

lls and H. Taylor preached Sunday night. Clerk failed get texts.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1914

13. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise, and prayer by Elder W. A. Simpkins.

14. The Committee on Arrangements made their report. eport received and committee discharged.

15. Called messengers' names and noted absentees. Calling the names of corresponding messengers was omitted.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report; some atnded; those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister assotions as follows:

Upper County Line—M. H. Hill, Harris Trogdon, and A. Wright.

To Lower County Line—None.

To Mayo—Elder W. T. Broadway.

To Little River—H. W. Johnson.

To Bear Creek—Samuel Snider, M. H. Hill, J. M. Trogdon, d Elder W. T. Broadway.

To Fisher's River—None.

To Salem—Solomon Snider, J. A. Williams, H. W. Johnn, Elder Samuel McMillon.

To Mill Branch—None.

Agreed to continue to correspond with Contentnea, White ak, Mountain District and Black Creek by minutes; and that e send a file of minutes to each association that we correspond th by messenger.

18. Called for Circular Letter. It was read and ordered inted in the minutes.

19. Appointed Brother W. P. Williams to write a Circular tter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They rerted as follows:

Sent up from churches.....	$25.00	
Paid for printing minutes.....	$17.00	
Gave Clerk for services.....	7.00	
Gave the Moderator.....	1.00	
Total Expenditure.....	$25.00	$25.00

21. Agreed that our next Association be held with the urch at Brush Creek, seven miles southwest of Siler City, on

Southern Railroad, in Randolph County, North Carolina, t
commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Augus
1915; Elder W. T. Broadway to preach the introductory sermor
Elder Samuel McMillon his alternate, worship to commence a
11 o'clock.

22. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing c
these minutes, and agreed that we have eight hundred (800
copies printed.

23. On motion, the Clerk was allowed $7.00 for h
services.

24. Called on presbyteries to report, when Elder Samue
McMillon reported that he and Elder W. P. Williard and severa
deacons met in Lexington on Saturday before the fourth Sunda
in June, 1914, and organized a church at said place.

25. On motion, the Association returned thanks to Go
for His mercy and protection; the City of Salisbury for furnish
ing us water; Mr. W. S. Nicholson for furnishing pipes to con
vey the water to the church grounds; the Salisbury Ice and Fu
Company for furnishing us ice; and all the brethren, sisters an
friends in general for all favors shown us during this meetin

26. After the minutes were read and received, the Associa
tion adjourned to time and place mentioned.

Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER W. T. BROADWAY, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elder J. T. Coats preached from Acts iv. 12; followed b
Elder W. A. Simpkins, from Matthew xi. 25. He was followe
by Elder M. B. Martin, from John iii. 3. Elder J. A. Ashbur
closed the meeting and preached from John vi. 63. Thus close
a lovely session of our Association. The preaching was abl
the attendance large, and the behavior good. The little churc
at Salisbury is due many thanks to Mr. F. W. Summers ar
Mr. W. J. McDaniel who took care of the majority of the visitor
We hope the Lord will continue to bless those wealthy men, ar
bring them into the fold, "with believers enrolled, with believe
to live and to die."

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder W. T. Broadway, Indian Trail, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.
Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C

CIRCULAR LETTER

the Ministers and Messengers composing the Abbotts Creek Association, when assembled at the Church at Salisbury, N. C.:

Dear Brethren—Once more we have assembled together, as trust, in the fear of an all-wise God, and as appointed by us, the purpose of engaging in His divine service and worship d of mingling ourselves together, that we may confer together ncerning the things that are of mutual interest and benefit to and to our churches. Being desirous of complying with your cus-n and the obligation laid on me by your last session of addressing u by what is known as a "Circular Letter," I will try, in weakness king the good Lord to lead and guide me to His own glory in what may write concerning the things that are and have been on mind, which I hope will be to the mutual benefit of all lovers truth, and hoping that what I may be blessed to write will serve edify and unify the household of faith and glorify God.

We will now call attention to a portion of Scripture recorded Matthew xxiv. 12, 13: "And because iniquity shall abound, e love of many shall wax cold; but he that shall endure unto e end, the same shall be saved." So at this time we are led believe that loyalty to our churches, not only those composing r Association, but everywhere, be admonished, and that the doc-ne and order of God's house be kept in mind and steadily main-ned against all opposition, whether in or out of the church, t that this be done in love. The Scripture that we refer to ys "the love of many shall wax cold." Is it possible that be-use iniquity abounds our love to God and His good cause would x cold, and moral cowardice develop until the servants of st High God would be afraid to contend for the true principles this God given kingdom? I feel that the true service of God s some power behind and before to rely upon, because it is d "the love of Christ constraineth us." So we are not left to rselves, but are kept by His mighty power, and thus enabled to ntend for the precious truths in love. If we are born of God, are born of love; so that principle is born in us that causes us come forth in fear and trembling to testify in the court of our d.

Preaching or teaching the truth in love is the cap-stone. It ght be that some would fail to declare the full truth owing to r of hurting someone's feelings. It might so be that one may led to contend for truth without love but with anger or malice, with a spirit of contention or strife. This ought not to be done. ther of these would be unjust to the good cause of our God. feel sure the grace of God is sufficient to enable His servants contend for the whole truth with perfect love to all who may ed instruction, or those who might be ensnared or blindfolded false dostrines and practices I think I have seen contention thout love; and on the other hand it seems I have seen a mis-ken love, which possibly led to a concealing of the precious ths of God. Neither of these are to be desired by the family God, but rather deplored. It seems to me to be a sure fact t if we love the truth and feel like we have been made free it, that we would have a loving zeal to declare it to brinf edom to others, rather than contention and strife. I feel sure t the servant of God, constrained by His love, wants, above all ngs, to hold out to others the precious things that have so rnally blessed his soul in gone by days; and I am sure it will the power of God and wisdom of God to them who are the called cording to His purpose. So, in as much as we are taught in d's word that nation shall rise against nation, and we shall r of wars and rumors of wars, and pestilences in divers places. d the end not yet come, I feel like saving to the brotherhood l fellow-servants, to gird on the helmet of hope and shield of th and contend for the rights of this Old Baptist kingdom any-ere and everywhere your lot may fall, for if God be for us o can be against us?

It was love that brought our Saviour down from the heavenly

court to redeem His bride, and He has manifested His love to he in all dispensations and ages of the world, and has displayed Hi power to protect and keep her, revealing in His word that she wa not her own, but bought with a price which consists of His precious blood and righteous life, which love was the foundation of then Ought we not to be loyal to Him and manifest our love to Hi by keeping His sayings, doctrine, and practice in mind daily an hourly, always remembering that purity of doctrine ought to com first, which, to my mind, should be the chief object in the wa fare in this Old Baptist kingdom. But this is not the only thing however, to be observed by His witnesses. They should follo after things that make for peace, which virtually is the acknow edging of the truth and fellowship of this dear kingdom.

We find by searching God's word that in His kingdom ther are vessels of large and small quantities, which are all for th perfecting of His children in an organic way. There are som who are clear and distinct in doctrine that have been weaned fro the breast, and others, so to speak, are only babes: but all a bound by the same principle of love and fellowship.

Finally, brethren, let me exhort you in this circular lett concerning the great and high responsibility resting on us with o visiting brethren from every direction of abiding in the for of doctrine and practice which was revealed to us, and whic this Association was organized on years ago, which has been fe lowshipped by yourselves and all your sister Associations, for am sure God has not left you and your churches in darkness a these years concerning any important principles you should ha known. If someone comes into your midst with extreme doctrin that have not been revealed to you admonish him in love.

May God bless you and keep you in fellowship

SAMUEL McMILLON.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

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White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.....
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, R. 1, Marshville, N. C.....
Black Creek—Elder J F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.....
Little River—Elder J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, N. C.....
Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.....
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.....
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va.....
Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.....
Fisher's River—Elder A M. Denny, Pinnacle, N. C.....
Mayo—Elder F. M Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va.....
Upper County Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C.....
Lower County Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.....
Salem—W L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.....
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd Va.....

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Ex. & B.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions	No. of Minutes
Flat Creek	J L Morgan, R 2, Richfield, N C	Samuel Snider, J. L. Morgan, A. N. Surratt	..	..	1	..	..	3	20	$ 1.25	25
Tom's Creek	S Snider, Denton, N C	Lee Snider, J R Garner, U. L. Peacock	1	1	..	..	5	1	27	4.10	82
Pine M. H.	W P Williams, Jubilee, N C	S. B. Beck, J. A. Williams, W. P. Williams	2	1	..	2	1	2	69	4.50	90
Mt Tabor	.....	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	...
Sandy Creek	Percy Jones, Liberty N C	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	10
Brush Creek	H W Johnson, Brush Creek N C	L. J. Hicks, H. W Johnson	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1.00	20
Big Creek	L W Morgan, Eldorado N C	L. W. Morgan	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	.50	10
Sugg's Creek	A P Leach, Martin's Mill N C	L. A. Wright, N. Tucker, T. L Maness	1	1	7	..	.	3	38	3.05	61
Gaines' Grove	J W Gaines, R 3, Sanford, N C	T. H. Gaines, J. W. Gaines, Eli Phillips	2	..	..	..	..	..	9	1.00	20
Rock Hill	M H Hill, R 2, Caraway, N C	M. H. Hill, George King, Harris Trogdon	..	..	..	1	..	..	15	1.50	30
White Oak Spgs.	H T Tucker, Allreds. N C	H. T. Tucker, Ira Freeman	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	.35	7
Salisbury	A L Owen .. 2, Salisbury, N C	Eld. Samuel McMillon, Eld. W. T. Broadway, D. P. Broadway	..	..	..	..	..	2	22	5.10	90
Pierce's Chapel	H M Swaney, R 1, Caraway, N C	W. M. Swaney, W. F. Snider, Tom Small*	..	..	..	..	..	.	10	1.30	28
Lexington	D S Blake, Lexington, N C	J. M. Trogdon, D. S. Blake*, Edgar Gallimore	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1.35	27
		Totals	6	3	8	3	6	11	33	$25.00	500

Absentees marked thus *.

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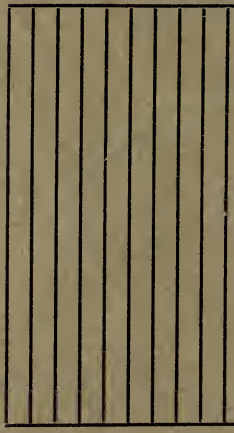

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Of Primitive Baptists

Held with the Church at

Brush Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Aug. 21, 22, 23, 1915

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY

1. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. T. Broadway, from Ephesians ii. 14, 15.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship, and after praise, and prayer by Elder P. W. Williard, the letters from the several churches were called for, read, and their state minuted (See statistical table).

3. Called for petitionary letters, when Brother L. A. Wright presented a letter from a newly constituted church at Cotton's Creek, which desired to be admitted into this Association. Their request was granted and the Moderator gave the right hand of fellowship to her delegates.

4. Reading the Rules of Decorum was omitted.

5. Elder W. T. Broadway, our present Moderator, stated that as he lived in Union County, and in the bounds of the Bear Creek Association, that he would offer his resignation as moderator. The Association accepted his resignation and thanked him for his useful service; and Elder Samuel McMillon was chosen to serve in said capacity.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats, when Elders P. W. Williard, L. T. Tucker, W. C. Jones and H. M. Williams were present and seated.

7. Called for corresponding messengers, and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—Elder W C. Jones, messenger; J. F. Buckner, W. H. Johnson and A. Whitfield, visitors.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Bear Creek—Elder H. M. Williams.

From Black Creek—J. F. Batts, visitor.

From Fishers River—Elder L. T. Tucker, messenger.

From Salem—Elder P. W. Williard, messenger; and A. J. Tillman, visitor.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Kehukee—None.

From Little River—L. H. Hill, visitor.

From Contentnea—D. L. Batts, visitor.

We received a file of minutes from Upper and Lower Country Line, Little River, Salem, Mayo, White Oak, Contentnea, Black Creek, Kehukee, Fishers River, Bear Creek, Mountain District, and New River Associations.

8. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker, J. A. Manus and L. W. Manus, with the Moderator and Clerk, as a Committee on Arrangements.

10. Appointed Brethren D. P. Broadway and J. M. Williams as a Committee on Finance.

11. On motion, and by request of Gaines Grove Church, Elder W. T. Broadway and Deacon L. J. Hicks were appointed to meet with the church at said place, on Saturday before the third Sunday in December, 1915, and assist their pastor in ordaining Brother T. H. Gaines to the office of deacon for said church.

12. Elected by ballott, Elders L. T. Tucker, Samuel McMillon, P. W. Willard and W. C. Jones to preach tomorrow; worship to commence at 10 o'clock. And Elders W. T. Broadway, H. M. Williams and W. R. Gallimore to preach Monday; worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

13. Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder L. T. Tucker.

SATURDAY EVENING

Preaching conducted at the stand by Elder H. M. Williams, from Acts ii. 28; followed by Elder W. C. Jones, from Isaiah xliii. 11.

SECOND DAY—SUNDAY

Those elected to preach met at the stand. Elder L. T. Tucker opened the services of the day and preached from Isaiah ix. 6, followed by Elder Samuel McMillon from Hebrews ix. 22.

After a recess of one hour, Elder P. W. Williard continued the services and preached from Matthew xxi. 5, followed by Elder W. C. Jones from John x. 28-30.

THIRD DAY—MONDAY

14. The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Praise, and prayer by Elder W. C. Jones.

15. The Committee on Arrangements made their report. Report received and committee discharged.

16. Called messengers' names and noted absentees. Calling the names of the corresponding messengers was omitted.

17. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended, and those who failed were excused.

18. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

Upper Country Line—Elders Samuel McMillon and W. R. Gallimore.
Lower Country Line—H. W. Johnson.
Mayo—Elder W. T. Broadway.
Little River—Elder Samuel McMillon.
Bear Creek—Elders W. R. Gallimore, Samuel McMillon, W. T. Broadway and Brother E. Sikes.
Fishers River—Elder Samuel McMillon and J. B. Hulin.
Mill Branch—Elders W. T. Broadway and Samuel McMillon.
Salem—Elders Samuel McMillon and W. R. Gallimore, H. C. Garner and H. W. Johnson.

Agreed to continue to correspond with Contentnea, White Oak, Mountain District and Black Creek by minutes; and that we send a file of minutes to each association that we correspond with by messengers.

19. Called for circular letter, which was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

20. Appointed Brother E. Sikes to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

21. Called on Committee on Finance to report, which reported as follows:

Sent up from the churches		$24.00
Made up by delegates and friends		9.50
		$33.50
Allowed for printing minutes	$17.00	
Gave Clerk for his services	7.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	9.50	
	$33.50	$33.50

Report received and committee discharged.

22. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Suggs Creek, Montgomery County, North Carolina, six miles northwest of Ether, five miles west of Steeds, six miles southwest of Seagrove, on the Norfolk Southern Railroad, to commence on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1916; Elder Samuel McMillon to preach the introdustory sermon, with Elder W. R. Gallimore as alternate; services to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and to have 800 copies printed.

24. On motion, the Clerk was allowed $7.00 for his services.

25. Called on presbyteries to report, when Brother U. Tucker reported that Elders Samuel McMillon and C. A. Davis, and Deacons A. J. Leach and himself, from Suggs Creek; H. T. Tucker, from White Oak Springs; and J. L. Hicks, from High Point, met at Cotton Creek on the third day of October, 1914, and organized a church. Also that

the same presbytery ordained J. A. Maness to the office of deacon for said church at the same time and place.

26. On motion, this Association returned thanks to God, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and received, the Association adjourned to time and place mentioned.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Elder Samuel McMillon, Moderator.

A. L. Owen, Clerk, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elder W. T. Broadway preached from John xiv. 1, followed by Elder H. M. Williams from Timothy iv. 2, followed by Elder W. R. Gallimore from Acts viii. 35.

The preaching was able, nad we hope will be as bread cast upon the waters to be gathered up many days hence.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.
Elder W. T. Broadway, Indian Trial, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.....2
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, R. 1, Marshville, N. C.....2
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.....2
Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C.....2
Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.....1
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.....4
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va.....2
Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.....2
Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.....2
Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peters Creek, Va.....1
Upper Country Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C.....1
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.....1
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C. 1
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va. 1

NUMBER OF MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

lat Creek—Samuel Snider, R. 1, Gold Hill.....25
'om's Creek— S. Snider, Denton, N. C. 58
ine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Jubilee, N. C.....70
andy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.....10
rush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.....30
ig Creek—L. W. Morgan, Eldorado, N. C.....10
uggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C.....55
aines Grove, J. W. Gaines, R. 3, Sanford, N. C.....25
ock Hill—M. H. Hill, R. 2, Seagrove, N. C.....30
/hite Oak Springs—H. T. Tucker, Allreds, N. C.....12
alisbury—A. L. Owen, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.....100
ierces Chapel—H. M. Swaney, R. 1, Caraway, N. C.....24
otton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C. 21
exington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.....30

Church clerks will please give their postoffice address in their urch letters, so that I may know where to send minutes. CLERK.

CIRCULAR LETTER

o THE ABBOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

Dear Brethren—As I was appointed at our last Association to write circular letter for this year, I will try with much fear and weakess to comply with the appointment, hoping that the brethren will bear e up in their prayers, that I may not write anything that will be a indrance to the love and fellowship of the church.

I will offer a few thoughts on the following scripture: "Let brother- love continue."—Hebrews xiii. 1. When God for Christ's sake parned our sins we came in possession of this brotherly love, and we ould cherish it and not do anything that will hinder a full continuance f it. I will first notice a few things that hinder it from continuing:

First. Love of self more than love of the brethren. This is a dark icture, but can we not often see it in ourselves, creeping into our church- and causing division and strife? Could we only go back a few years nd view ourselves as we did when we were under the awful load of n and without God and without hope in the world, we would surely el that any of our brethren are better than we are; and instead of ying to kill our brethren spiritually we will be made to go down in mbleness and ask God for Christ's sake to make us fit to be at our ethren's feet.

Second. Covetousness. We should not covet our brother's worldly ings; neither should we covet what God has given him, but let each

one be content with that which he has. We sometimes see brethren strivin to be as large as some other brother, or a great deal larger.

Third. Back-biting and devouring each other. Some little thin may arise against a brother, or he may trespass against us, and instea of treating him as we are commanded to do we begin to tell it to other instead of going to him, and the first thing we know we have caused th finger of scorn to be pointed at that brother, and instead of saving hir we have destroyed him, and sometimes ourselves also. May the Lor lead us in the paths of peace and love.

We will now notice a few things that are calculated to bind us mor closely in love.

First. Let us esteem our brothr better than ourselves, becaus when we see ourselves as we are surely our brethren are better than we

Second. Let us do unto others as we would have them do unt us, and then brotherly love will continue.

Third. Let us love God supremely. We will notice the awful con dition that we were in before God brought us as He did David, up ou of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay and set our feet upon a rock, an established our goings. Surely we can love a God who has done so muc for us, and who has promised never to forsake us. While loving Go we will also love our brethren, too. May God give us of His grace t love Him here in time, and also to love our brethren. And, finally, whe we are done with this sin-cursed world, may He through the worthines of Christ our Redeemer take us all home to Himself where we will dwel forever, where all but love is done away. W. P. Williams

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Ex. & B.	Rec'd by Rec....	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sun. of Meeting.	Contributions ...
Flat Creek	*A N Surratt, *Samuel Snider	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	17	..	$ 1.25
Tom's Creek	* U L Peacock, Lee Snider, H C Garner	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	..	2.90
Pine M. H.	J M Williams, H Monsees, J B Hulin	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	66	..	3.50
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Sandy Creek	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Brush Creek	H W Johnson, L J Hicks	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1.50
Big Creek	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Suggs Creek	T W Maness, N Tucker, E Sikes	..	..	..	2	12	..	2	29	..	2.75
Gaines Grove	T H Gaines, J W Gaines, Eli Phillips	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	1.00
Rock Hill	M H Hill, Harris Trogdon, Geo. King,	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	14	..	1.50
White Oak Springs	H T Tucker, *Ira Freeman	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	.60
Salisbury	Elder S McMillon, Elder W T Broadway, D P Broadway	5	..	1	..	..	..	1	27	..	5.00
Pierce's Chapel	H M Swaney, *T Small, *Bailey Yates	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1.20
Lexington	J M Trogdon, C E Gallimore, Elder W R Gallimore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1.75
Cotton Creek	J A Maness, T L Maness, L A Wright	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	1.05
	Totals	6	..	1	2	13	1	9	232	..	$24.00

Absentees marked thus *.

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Martin, Tenn.

Minutes of the Ninety-First Annual Session of the

Abbott's Creek Association

Of Primitive Baptists

Held with the Church at

Sugg's Creek, Montgomery Co., North Carolina

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 26, 27, 28, 1916

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY

1. By request of Elder Samuel McMillon the introductory sermon was reached by Elder Isaac Jones, from Revelation xxii. 1, 2.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship, and after praise, and prayer by Elder J. E. Adams, the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their state minuted (See statistical table).

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. On motion, reading of Rules of Decorum was omitted.

5. Chose Elder Samuel McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats, when Elders P. W. Williard, C. A. Davis, Isaac Jones, H. D. Mickey, B. L. Treece, T. M. Stanley, W. R. Helms, J. E. Adams and G. M. Trent were present and seated.

7. Called for corresponding messengers, and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—W. H. Johnson and J. F. Buckner, visitors.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Bear Creek—Elders W. R. Helms, T. M. Stanley and B. L. Treece, visitors.

From Black Creek—J. F. Batts visitor.

From Fisher's River—Elder H. D. Mickey, messenger.

From Salem—Elders P. W. Williard and C. A. Davis, messengers; and J. J. Greer, visitor.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Kehukee—None.

From Little River—Elder J. E. Adams and E. C. Jones, visitors.

From Contentnea—None.

From Mayo—Elder G. M. Trent.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, visitor.

We received a file of minutes from Lower Country Line, Mill Branch, Fountain District, White Oak, Little River, Bear Creek, Fisher's River, Contentnea, Black Creek, Mayo, Salem and New River associations.

8. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Elder W. R. Gallimore, and Brethren Ira Freeman and W. L. Boroughs, with the Moderator and Clerk, as a Committee on Arrangements, to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and H. W. Johnson as a Committee on Finance.

11. Elected, by ballot, Elders H. D. Mickey, Isaac Jones, T. M. Stanley and P. W. Williard to preach tomorrow, worship to begin at 10 o'clock; and Elders B. L. Treece, C. A. Davis and Samuel McMillon to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

12. Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Dismissed by the Moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING

Preaching conducted at the stand by Elder G. M. Trent, from Zecharial xiii. 7, followed by Elder J. E. Adams, from i. 29, and by Elder W. R Helms, from James i. 5, 6.

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SECOND DAY—SUNDAY

Those elected to preach met at the stand.

Worship was opened by praise, and prayer by Elder J. E. Adams. Elde H. D. Mickey preached from 2 Timothy iv. 1, 2; followed by Elder Isaa Jones from Romans viii. 28.

After an intermission of one hour, Elder P. W. Williard continued th services and preached from Ezekiel ix. 11; followed by Elder T. M. Stanley from Matthew i. 20.

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THIRD DAY—MONDAY

13. The Association met pursuant to arrangements.

Praise, and prayer by Elder Isaac Jones.

14. Committee on Arrangements made their report. Report received and committee discharged.

15. Called messengers' names, and noted absentees; also called corresponding messengers' names.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended and those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper Country Line—Elders Samuel McMillon, Enos Sikes and H W. Johnson.

To Lower Country Line—None.

To Mayo—Elder Samuel McMillon and Samuel Snider.

To Little River—Elders Samuel McMillon and W. R. Gallimore.

To Bear Creek—Elders Samuel McMillon and W. R. Gallimore, and Brother Sam Snider.

To Fisher's River—J. B. Hulen.

To Mill Branch—Elder Samuel McMillon.

To Salem—Elders Samuel McMillon and W. R. Gallimore, and Brother S. Snider.

To White Oak—Elder Samuel McMillon.

Agreed to continue correspondence with Contentnea, White Oak, Mountain District and Black Creek by minutes; and that we send a file of minutes to each association that we correspond with by messengers.

18. Called for circular letter, which was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Clerk to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on Committee on Finance to report, which reported as follows:

Sent up from the churches		$26.65
Contributed by delegates and friends		21.25
Allowance for printing minutes	$17.00	
Gave Clerk for services	7.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	23.90	
	$47.90	$47.90

Report received and committee discharged.

21. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pine M. H., in Davidson County, N. C., eleven miles north of Salisbury and twelve miles southwest of Lexington, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1917; Elder W. R. Gallimore to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder Samuel McMillon alternate; services to commence at 11 o'clock.

22. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and to have 800 copies printed.

23. On motion, the Clerk was allowed $7.00 for his services.

24. Called on presbyteries to report, when Elder C. A. Davis reported that Elder J. F. Farmer and himself, and Deacon R. E. Lamm, met with the church at Gaines Grove on the third Saturday in April, 1916, and ordained Brother T. H. Gaines to the office of deacon for said church.

25. Resolved, That we return thanks to God for His goodness, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during this meeting.

26. After the minutes were read and received, the Association adjourned to the time and place mentioned.

ELDER SAMUEL McMILLON, Moderator.
A. L. OWEN, Clerk, R. 2 Salisbury N. C.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elder B. L. Treece preached from John iv. 23; followed by Elder C. A. Davis, from Isaiah xxx. 17; closed by Elder Samuel McMillon, from John xii. 32.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, R. 1, Marshville, N. C.	25
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.	20
Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	25
Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.	15
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	40
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va.	25
Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.	25
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.	25
Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peters Creek, Va.	15

Upper Country Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C.....15
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.....15
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C.....18
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.....17

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NUMBER OF MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—A. N. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C.....23
Tom's Creek—S. Snider, Denton, N. C.....67
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Jubilee, N. C.....73
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.....7
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.....27
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Eldorado, N. C.....10
Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C.....54
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 3, Sanford, N. C.....18
Rock Hill—M. H. Hill, R. 2, Seagrove, N. C.....27
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Allreds, N. C.....13
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.....90
Pierce Chapel—H. M. Swaney, R. 1, Caraway, N. C.....21
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.....38
Lexington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.....32

Church clerks will please give their postoffice address in their church letters, so that I may know where to send minutes. CLERK.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and Messengers Composing the Abbott's Creek Association of the Primitive Baptist Church:

Dear Brethren—Being appointed at our last session to write a circular letter for the minutes of our next session, in much weakness I will try to perform that duty.

The third chapter and first verse of Colossians reads thus: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." So if we have been risen with Christ, we have been quickened by the Spirit of God and made alive in Jesus Christ. "So if ye then be risen with Christ, ye have life, and this life is in his Son." We then love those things which are above. One must love Jesus before he seeks Him. One must love God to know Him. "For he that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love." And if we be risen with Christ, we have been created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. We should show our faith by setting our affections on Jesus, and not on things on the earth; for Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and no man cometh to the Father but by Jesus. He is that straight and narrow way. I don't think we can walk that straight and narrow way tied up with the ways of the world, living after the flesh; for if we live after the flesh, we shall die; but if we through the Spirit mortify the deeds of the body, we shall live. So let us seek those things

hich are above, and grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are aled unto the day of redemption.

We should deny ungodliness, and live soberly, righteously and godly this present world, looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing God our Saviour Jesus Christ.

So, dear brethren, let us be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. Now to Him that is able to keep you and present you a perfect bride unto e Father, unto Him be glory, majesty, might and dominion forever.

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CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Re'd by Ex. & B.	Rec'd by Rec.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership.	Sun. of Meeting.	Contributions
Flat Creek	Jacob Morgan*, Sam Snider, A N Surratt*					1	1		13		$ 1.25
Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, H C Garner, U L Peacock								28		3.70
Pine M. H.	J L Snider, Cicero Williams, J B Hulin							1	65		4.00
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented										
Sandy Creek	Not Represented										
Brush Creek	L J Hicks, H W Johnson	1							6		1.50
Big Creek	Represented by Letter								5		
Suggs Creek	N Tucker, W E Boroughs, E Sikes	2				1			30		3.00
Gaines Grove	J W Gaines, T H Gaines	1							12		1.00
Rock Hill	M H Hill, Harris Trogdon, C C Smith*						1		13		1.50
White Oak Sprin	H T Tucker, G L Davis, Ira Freeman	2							9		.70
Salisbury	Elder S McMillon, D T Broadway, A L Owen		1	1			2	2	24		5.00
Pieroes Chapel	Represented by Letter and Contribution								10		1.15
Lexington	Elder W R Gallimore, C E Gallimore						2		5		1.75
Cotton Creek	L A Wright, J A Maness, T L Maness	1		2					14		2.10
	Totals	7		3		2	6	3	234		$26.65

Absentees marked thus *.

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ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION

of the

Primitive Baptist Association

Convened with

Pine Meeting House, Davidson Co., N. C.

Commencing on

Saturday before the Fourth Lord's Day in August, 1917

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY

1. By request of Elder W. R. Gallimore the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Isaac Jones, from 2 Timothy iv. 2.

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship, and after praise, and prayer by Elder W. R. Simpkins, the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their state minuted (See statistical table).

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. The Rules of Decorum were read.

5. Chose Elder Samuel McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats, when the following were presented and seated: Elders L. F. Wallace, Isaac Jones, W. A. Simpkins, W. M. Monsees, C. A. Davis, M. L. Williard, S. J. Reich, J. W. Gilliam, H. M. Williams; Sunday, Elders P. W. Williard, J. F. Mills, and W. C. McMillion came in and were seated Monday.

7. Called for corresponding messengers, and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, messenger.

From Lower Country Line—Elder Isaac Jones.

From Bear Creek—Elders H. M. Williams and J. F. Mills, and Brother T. M. Broom, messengers.

From Black Creek—None.

From Fisher's River—None.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis, S. J. Reich, P. W. Williard, messengers; Elder M. L. Williard and Brother J. J. Idol, and others, visitors.

From Mill Branch—Brother S. F. Norris, messenger.

From Kehukee—None.

From Little River—Elders W. A. Simpkins and W. M. Monsees, messengers.

From Contentnea—None.

From Mayo—None.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, visitor.

Elder L. F. Wallace, a visitor from the Soldier Creek Association, of Kentucky, and Elder W. C. McMillon, from Nolachucky Association, were seated with us Monday.

We received a file of minutes from Upper and Lower Country Line, Mountain District, Mill Branch, Bear Creek, Salem, Kehukee, Little River, Contentnea, Fisher's River, Black Creek, White Oak, and New River Associations.

8. Called for circular letter which was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren A. M. Williams, Sam Snider, J. Monsees and R. F. Strange, with the Moderator and Clerk, as Committee on Arrangements, to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren L. A. Wright and H. T. Tucker as Committee on Finance.

11. Elected, by ballot, Elders W. A. Simpkins, L. A. Reich, L. F. Wallace and Samuel McMillon, to preach tomorrow, worship to begin at 10 o'clock; and Elders C. A. Davis, J. W. Gilliam, W. L. Willard and Isaac Jones, to preach Monday, worship to commence at 9 o'clock. Elder W. M. Monsees was appointed to preach Saturday night.

12. Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Dismissed by Elder S. J. Reich.

SATURDAY EVENING

Preaching at the stand by Elder H. M. Williams, from Luke xviii. 13, followed by Elder L. F. Wallace from Romans ix. 13.

By an agreement between Elders W. L. Williard and W. M. Monsees, Elder Williard preached Saturday night and was followed by Elder H. M. Willams, from Matthew v. 4.

SECOND DAY—SUNDAY

Those elected to preach met at the stand.

As Elder J. W. Gilliam could not stay until Monday Elder S. J. Reich exchanged with him. Services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Gilliam, who then preached from Matthew v. 1-10; followed by Elder L. F. Wallace, from Matthew xxiii. 37 and John v. 25-28.

After an intermission of one hour, Elder W. A. Simpkins continued the services, and preached from 2 Timothy iv. 2. By the request of Elder Samuel McMillon, Elder P. W. Willard preached from Hebrews xii. 1; Elder W. C. McMillon followed and preached from Ephesians i. 4.

Elder J. F. Mills preached Sunday night, from 1 Peter v. 2; followed by Elder Isaac Jones (Clerk failed to get his text) and closed by Elder C. A. Davis.

THIRD DAY—MONDAY

13. The Association met according to adjournment.

Praise, and prayer by Elder J. F. Mills.

14. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

15. Called messengers' names and noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended, and those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper Country Line—Elder Samuel McMilllon.

To Lower Country Line—Elder Samuel McMillon, W. R. Gallimore and Brother E. Sikes.

To Mayo—Elder W. R. Gallimore, H. W. Johnson and Sam Snider.

To Little River—Elder Samuel McMillon.

To Bear Creek—Elders Samuel McMillon, W. R. Gallimore and Sam Snider.

To Fisher's River—Elder W. R. Gallimre, Brethren J. B. Mullin and P. M. Foster.

To Mill Branch—Elder Samuel McMillon and Brother E. Sikes.

To Salem—Elder Samuel McMillon, L. A. Wright, Sam Snider and N. Tucker.

Agreed to continue to correspond with Contentnea, White Oak, Mountain District, Black Creek by minutes, and that we send a copy of minutes to each association that we correspond with by messengers.

18. Called for circular letter, which was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed A. N. Surratt to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on Committee on Finance to report, which reported as follows:

Sent up from the churches	$34.80	
Contributed by friends and brethren	36.70	
Allowance for printing minutes	$17.00	
Gave Clerk for services	7.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	47.50	
Totals	$71.50	$71.50

Committee discharged.

21. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Cotton Creek, Montgomery County, N. C., two miles southeast of Star, on the Norfolk & Southeastern Railroad, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1918; Elder Samuel McMillon to preach the introductory sermon, with Elder W. R. Gallimore alternate; services to commence at 11 o'clock.

22. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and to have 800 copies printed.

23. On motion, the Clerk was allowed $7.00 for his services.

24. Called on presbyteries to report, when Elder Samuel McMillon reported that himself, Elder S. J. Reich and Deacon R. F. Strange ordained Brother D. P. Broadway to the office of deacon for the church at Salisbury, on Saturday before the first Sunday in August. 1917.

Elder W. R. Gallimore reported that Elder W. L. Willard, S. J. Reich and himself, and Deacons S. Snider and A. N. Surratt ordained Brother Sam Snider to the office of deacon for the church at Lexington, on the fourth Saturday in June, 1917.

Deacon N. Tucker reported that Elders P. W. Willard and C. A. Davis ordained T. W. Maness and Anderson Borrough to the office of deacon for the Suggs Creek Church, on the second Saturday in November, 1916.

25. The Association requests the churches where the Association is to be held each year to have notice published in Zion's Landmark and The Primitive Baptist from four to six weeks pre-

vious to the sitting of the same, stating time and place the Asso ciation is to be held, and when and where people will be met.

26. Resolved, That we return thanks to God for His kind car and protection, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for thei hospitality during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and received, the Associatio adjourned to time and place mentioned.

ELDER SAMUEL McMILLON, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elder C. A. Davis preached from Hebrews ii. 15; followed by Elder S. J. Reich, from Hebrews xii. 18-29,

Recess one hour, after which Elder Isaac Jones preached from Genesis xlii. 8; closed by Elder W. M. Monsees from Ruth i. 16.

We believe the truth was preached with but very little excep tions, and we know the truth will stand through time and eternity.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS.

Elder Samuel McMillion, High Point, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.	20
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.	25
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.	20
Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	25
Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.	15
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	40
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va.	25
Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.	25
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N C.	25
Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peters Creek, Va.	15
Upper Country Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C.	15
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	15
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C.	15
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	15
Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn.	6

NUMBER OF MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES.

Flat Creek—A N. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C.	16
Tom's Creek—S. Snider, Denton, N. C.	75
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, R. 3, Linwood, N. C.	70
Sand Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.	6
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.	28

Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Eldorado, N. C..... 10
Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C..... 40
Gains Grove—J. W. Gains, R. 3, Sanford, N. C..... 21
Rock Hill—M. H. Hill, R. 2, Seagrove, N. C..... 14
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C..... 17
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C..... 90
Pierces Chapel—H. M. Swaney, R. 1, Caraway, N. C..... 16
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C..... 60
Lexington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C..... 35

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Churches Composing Our Own Association, and to Our Beloved Correspondence, Greetings:

We wish to say to our corresponding associations, That we are always glad to meet your delegation. It calls our minds back to the time when they gathered in Jerusalem from every quarter and worshiped God. We hope you will accept this little tribute of love and continue to send messengers as long as it is the Lord's will. And as we only have two ministers, help us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers in this part of His vineyard.

To our Association I wish to say, This work of writing circular letters has been going on in this Association for ninety years. Elder James Badget, who was Moderator at the time, was appointed to write the first circular letter in 1826, and from time to time different ones have been appointed to write this letter. And last year, as you remember, this lot fell on me, "Who am less than the least of all saints," if one at all, and I resisted on account of weakness and inability. And when my resistance failed to have any virtue, I remembered that the power that should be behind all such work has never been exhausted, but He is still able to bring "Light out of darkness, strength out of weakness and wisdom out of ignorance." I am sure this will have to be done in this case, if the Association is in any way honored, and God glorified in the least. One day while meditating on this matter, and wondering how I would come out, this Scripture came to me with some force: "My grace is sufficient for you." If I was sure these words came direct from the throne of God I would be sure of the kingdom; but I am not sure; I am so often left to doubt and fear.

I believe that this grace was present with Abraham when he went to offer up his son, Isaac. He felt sure that God would be with him, and prepare himself an offering.

The three Hebrew children were enabled by grace divine to trust God, regardless of the kings decree, and God delivered them out of the fiery furnace unharmed.

I have thought too, that the grace of God must have been with Daniel in the den of lions. I believe he could sing "Grace 'tis a charming sound" just as good in the den of lions as he could in his own house, "With his windows open toward Jerusalem."

His grace has not been exhausted yet, but is still sufficient for all of His people. whether I am in the arrangement or not. By his same grace "Ye are saved through faith; and that not of your-

selves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast," and Primitive Baptists have believed this from Able's day to the present. And, brethren, I firmly believe that you "Are traveling home to God in the way your father's trod," and very soon you will meet here on earth in an associated capacity your last time, then the joyful news will come, "Child, your Father calls, come home," and that grace which has stood by all the redeemed family of God, will stand by you while you are going through the cold jaws of death, will march with you through the portals into that beautiful city, where you can walk the golden streets of New Jerusalem, where you can fill the blissful seats in the courts of heaven, and where you can march around your Father's throne and enjoy the blessings of that kingdom which was prepared for you from the foundation of the world. The grand beauties of that glorious kingdom I am not able to describe, and such wonderful blessings I am not worthy to receive; but I would love to be permitted to fill some humble seat beneath your dear Redeemer's feet, where I could spend eternity, reaping the benefits of that "Grace which is sufficient for you." Farewell.

A. L. OWEN.

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS		Rec'd by Ex. & B.	Dism'd by Letter.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Flat Creek	W M Morris*, J Morgan, Jr.*, J Morgan, Sr.*,	A N Surratt	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	$ 1.15
Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, J R Garner, U L Peacock		..	..	..	..	..	..	28	5.50
Pine M. H.	A M Williams, P M Foster, A W Snider		1	..	..	..	..	3	63	5.00
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented									
Sandy Creek	Not Represented									
Brush Creek	L J Hix*, H W Johnson									
Big Creek	Not Represented		..	..	..	..	..	..	6	2.00
Suggs Creek	Enos Sikes, N Tucker, W E Boroughs									
Gaines Grove	J W Gains, T H Gains*, Eli Phillips*		..	..	..	..	..	1	29	3.00
Rock Hill	M H Hill, Harris Trogdon, C Smith		..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1.50
White Oak Springs	H T Tucker, George Davis*, Ira Freeman*		..	..	..	..	..	1	13	1.00
Salisbury	C B Owen, R F Strange, D P Broadway		..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1.25
Pierces Chapel	H M Swaney*, T S Small*, W T Snider		..	..	..	..	..	..	24	6.45
Lexington	Samuel Snider, J M Trogdon, C E Gallimore		..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1.15
Cotton Creek	L A Wright, J A Maness, T L Maness		..	2	..	..	..	..	7	2.50
			2	..	..	..	..	..	16	4.30
Absentees marked thus *.		Totals	3	2	..	..	..	6	225	$34.80

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MINUTES OF THE NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Abbott's Creek Union

OF THE

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Cotton Creek, Montgomery County, N. C.

COMMENCING ON

Saturday Before the First Lord's Day

in August, 1918

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK ASSOCIATION

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY.

1. After praise, and prayer by Elder G. O. Key, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Samuel McMillon, from Romans iii. 20.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship. After praise, and prayer by Elder J. F. Mills, the letters from the several churches were called for. They were read and their state minited (see Statistical Table).

3. Called for petitionary letters. None at present.

4. On motion, reading the Rules of Decorum were omitted.

5. Chose Elder Samuel McMillon as moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders W. C. Jones, C. A. Davis, J. F. Mills, H. M. Williams, J. S. Reich, G. O. Key, J. S. Newman, H. D. Mickey, G. M. Trent, N. T. Oaks, Jesse Barnes, E. C. Stone and F. W. Keene.

7. Called for corresponding messengers, and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—Elder W. C. Jones, visitor.

From Lower Country Line—None.

From Bear Creek—Elder J. F. Mill and Brother Pete Howard, messengers, and Elder H. M. Williams, visitor.

From Black Creek—Elder Jesse Barnes, messenger, and Brethren B. A. Scott, R. E. Lamm and Pharoah Bullock, visitors.

From Fisher's River—Elders H. D. Mickey, and G. O. Key, messengers.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis and S. J. Reich, messengers, and Brethren Tom Greer, James Snider and others as visitors.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Kehukee—Elder E. C. Stone, visitor.

From Little River—None.

From Contentnea—None.

From Mayo—Elder G. M. Trent and Brother J. W. Morefield, visitors.

From White Oak—None.

Elder F. W. Keene from the Maine Conference; Elder J. S. Newman from Duffau Association, of Texas and Elder N. T. Oaks from Staunton River Association, were present and seated.

We received a file of minutes from Salem, Little River, Mayo, Kehukee, Upper and Lower Country Line, White Oak, Mountain District, Fisher's River, Black Creek, Bear Creek, Mill Branch and Nolachucky Associations.

8. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren R. F. Strange, U. L. Peacock, Elder W. R. Gallimore, with the Moderator and Clerk, as a Committee on Arrangements, to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren C. B. Owen and T. W. Maness as a Committee on Finance.

11. On motion, Elder W .R. Gallimore, with the Moderator and Clerk as a Committee on Preaching, who appointed to preach Sunday, Elders Jesse Barnes, J. S. Newman, F. W. Keene, G. O. Key and

N. T. Oaks; for Monday, Elders H. D. Mickey, W. C. Jones and S. J. Reich.

12. Agreed to meet Sunday at ten o'clock a. m., and Monday at nine o'clock a. m.

Adjourned until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

Dismissed by Elder S. J. Reich.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elder G. M. Trent from Deuteronomy xxxii. 1. 2; followed by Elder E. C. Stone, from 1 Peter ii. 7; followed by Elder H. M. Williams, from 1 Timothy ii. 3; followed by Elder J. F. Mills, no certain text.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY IN AUGUST, 1918.

Those appointed to preach met at the stand. Services were opened by praise, and prayer by Elder Jesse Barnes, and then he preached from 1 Corinthians iii. 3; followed by Elder J. S. Newman, from Hebrews xi. 6.

After an intermission of one hour, Elder F. W. Keene continued the services, and preached from Genesis xxii. 1-14; followed by Elder G. O. Key, no special text; he was followed by Elder N. T. Oaks, from Deuteronomy xxxii. 10.

THIRD DAY—MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1918.

13. The Association met according to appointment.

Praise, and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis.

14. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and Committee discharged.

15. Called messengers' names, and noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended, those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper Country Line—H. W. Johnson and E. Sikes.

To Lower Country Line—Elder W. R. Gallimore and Brother H. W. Johnson.

To Mayo—None.

To Little River—E. Sikes and L. A. Wright.

To Bear Creek—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Brethren L. A. Wright, U. L. Peacock and Lee Snider.

To Fisher's River—Elder W. R. Gallimore and Brother H. W. Johnson.

To Mill Branch—Elder W. R. Gallimore.

To Salem—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Brethren E. Sikes and J. A. Williams.

To White Oak—A. L. Owen.

To Black Creek—Elder W. R. Gallimore, and that we continue to correspond with Contentnea, Mountain District by minutes, and that we send a file of minutes to each association with which we correspond by messengers.

Called for circular letter, which was read and ordered printed in the minute.

19. Appointed Brother Ira Freeman to write a circular letter for our next year's minute.

20. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from the churches	$64.15
Contributed by brethren and friends	51.75
Allowed for printing minutes	$17.00

Gave Clerk for services 8.00
Gave to ministering brethren 87.90

Total $112.90 $115.90
Balance in hand of Clerk $3.00

Committee discharged.

21. On motion, the Moderator and Clerk were appointed to distribute the above amont of money among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Flat Creek, Rowan County, N. C., four miles southwest of High Rock, N. C., six miles north of Richfield, N. C., and four miles from Brinkles Ferry on the Yodkin River, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1919; Elder W. R. Gallimore to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Samuel McMillon alternate; worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing of the minute, and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The Clerk was allowed $8.00 for his services.

25. Called on presbyteries to report. No report.

26. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His protection, and to the brethren, sisters and friends for their kindness during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and received, the Association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

ELDER SAMUEL McMILLON, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk,
Route No. 2. Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY'S PREACHING.

Elder H. D. Mickey opened the services and preached from Hebrews x. 22; followed by Elder W. C. Jones from Psalms xxiii. last verse, and Elder S. J. Reich concluded from Song of Solomon i. 1-3.

P. S.—Some of our brethren preached at night but I failed to take note of it, and, of course, do not remember who preached, and I wish to apologize. Clerk.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS.

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C. 20
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C. 25
Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C. 20
Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C. 25
Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C. 15
Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C. 40
Mountain District—J. O. Brewer, Baywood, Va. 25
Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C. 25
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C. 25
Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peters Creek, Va. 15
Upper Country Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C. 15
Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. 15
Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C. 15
New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va. 15
Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn. 6

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES.

Flat Creek—A. M. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C. 15
Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C. 65

Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, R. 2, Linwood, N. C. 50
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C. .....
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C. 12
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Eldorado, N. C. 10
Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C. 65
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 2, Sanford N. C. 13
Rock Hill—Harris Trogdon, R. 2, Ashborough, N. C. 6
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 28
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C. 66
Pierces Chapel—H. M. Swaney, R. 1, Caraway, N .C. 14
Lexington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C. 20
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C. 100

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The time for our association is drawing near, and a letter is expected to be printed in our minute. As I am appointed to write one, I will now make the effort, not knowing what to write. But it is the desire of my heart to write what is acceptable unto the Lord, and comforting to His people.

I have no particular subject, though the Scriptures are abundantly, and full and free, and so strong in favor of the primitive church of Christ that the enemy has no ground at all to build upon. Yet he claims ground in his blind zeal, and strives to get the upper hand of all Christ's servants. So Christ commanded His children to watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

Dear people of God, we are living in a time of great distress of coldness in the churches, and trouble in the land of war and bloodshed, and it has not come without a cause. The nations had become too highly exalted, and we are coming down to poverty, and I fear the children of God have failed to keep the precepts and examples of Jesus Christ as He has laid them down and have, therefore, become cold, weak and faint; and the greatest remedy I know is to humble ourselves down to the very dust, if possible, before the great Judge of all the earth and confess all our sins to Him and beg for mercy. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from unrighteousness. See 1 John i. 9.

Let us never forget to study our Bible prayerfully, and pray fervently in secret. Daniel prayed three times a day to the Great God of heaven and came safely through the lion's den. David left on Holy Record that he prayed three times a day. At midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them and immediately the prison house was shaken, the doors were all opened, and everyones' hands were loosed, and the keeper of the prison was converted or saved and all his house. This is one of the many displays of God's mighty power, and we love to write of His doings.

He is the same God of all power now and forever, and He is in heaven and is happy there within, and of His own self needs nothing that poor sinful man can do or give. Yet He says in all His glory that He delighteth in the man that feareth His name and trembleth at His word. Precious words indeed to the poor and needy.

Well, I will close my few scattering remarks by asking the dear brethren of the Abbott's Creek Association to accept the above if in accord with the Holy Word of God, and if not, pardon error and make any changes necessary.

Your unworthy servant, A. M. SURRATT

Route No. 2, Richfield, N. C.

Absentees marked thus*

Statistical Table

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Flat Creek	Represented by letter and contribution							1	12	$ 1.50
Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, J. R. Garner, U. L. Peacock							3	25	8.35
Pine M. H.	A. G. Yarbrough, J. A. Williams, W. P. Williams*	3						1	65	10.00
Mt. Tabor	Not represented									
Sandy Creek	Not represented									
Brush Creek	L. J. Hicks, H. W. Johnson								6	1.00
Big Creek	Not represented									
Suggs Creek	E. Sikes, A. Boroughs, T. W. Maness			1	1	1			30	8.30
Gaines Grove	J. W. Gaines, T. H. Gaines Eli Phillips								11	1.50
Rock Hill	C. C. Smith								13	0.50
White Oak Springs	H. T. Tucker, G. L. Davis, Ira Freeman								9	3.50
Salisbury	C. B. Owen, D. P. Broadway, R. F. Strange					1			23	8.25
Pierces' Chapel	W. F. Snider, H. Trogdon								9	1.75
Lexington	Elder W. R. Gallimore, E. C. Gallimore, J. M. Trogdom*			1		2			6	2.50
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, N. Tucker, J. A. Maness								16	17.00
	Totals	3		2	1	4		5	225	64.15

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MINUTES

Of the Ninety-Fourth Annual Session of the

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Flat Creek, Rowan Co., North Carolina

Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth
Lord's Day in August, 1919

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1919.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Reich the introductory sermon was preachd by Elder W. R. Gallimore from 1 Peter i. 18, 19.

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their state minuted (See statistical table).

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. On motion the rules of decorum were read.

5. Chose Elder Samuel McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders M. E. Petty, C. A. Davis, S. J. Reich, P. W. Willard, Isaac Jones, W. C. McMillon, A. G. Morton, H. M.Williams, J. F. Mills, B. L. Treece.

7. Called for corresponding messengers and the following appeared:

From Upper Country Line—None.

From Lower Coutry Line—Brother J. W. Terry.

From Bear Creek—Elder H. M. Williams and Brethren J. E. Russell and P. A. Howard. Visitors, Elder J. F. Mills and Brother J. W.Jones and others.

From Black Creek—None.

From Fisher's River—None.

Reich, Messengers; Elder A. G. Morton and Brother Tom Green, visitors.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Kehukee—None.

From Little River—None.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Messenger.

From Mayo—None.

A letter was received from the Nolachucky Association in Tennessee asking for correspondence with this association. Her request was granted, and Elder W. C. McMillon, their messenger, seated.

Elder M. E. Petty, from the Choctawhatchee Association, in Alabama, was present and seated.

We received a file of minutes from Kehukee, Little River, Mountain District, Bear Creek, Salem, Lower Country Line, Fisher's River, New River and Nolachuckey Associations.

8. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren L. A. Wright, H. T. Tucker and H. W. Johnson, with the moderator and clerk, as a Committee on Arrangements to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren S. B. McMillon and W. L. Peacock as a Committee on Finance.

11. Appointed Brethren J. A. Maness, A. Boroughs, with the moderator and clerk, as a Committee on Preaching, who appointed for Sunday Elders P. W. Willard, Isaac Jones, M. E. Petty, S. J. Reich, and W. C. McMillon; for Monday, Elders C. A. Davis, A. G. Morton and B. L. Treece.

12. Agreed to meet Sunday at 10 o'clock, and Monday at 9 o'clock. Adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by the modertor.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Preaching at the stand by Elder W. C. McMillon from Isaiah xxxviii. 14; followed by Elder J. F. Mills from Deut. xxxii. 2. He was followed by Elder H. M. Williams from Matthew xi. 28.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY IN AUGUST, 1919.

Those elected to preach met at the stand. Services were opened by prayer by Elder A. G. Morton. Elder P. W. Willard preached from Matt. xxi. 10; followed by Elder Isaac Jones from Gen. xiii. 8. Then had recess one hour. Elder M. E. Petty continued the services and preached from Rev. xxi. 9. He was followed by Elder S. J. Reich from Isaiah xl. 9; followed by Elder W. C. McMillon from Matt. iii. 2.

THIRD DAY—MONDAY, AUG. 25, 1919.

13. The association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Reich.

14. Called on the Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and the committee discharged.

15. Called messengers' names and noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper Country Line—Elders W. R. Gallimore and H. W. Johnson.

To Lower Country Line—Elder W. R. Gallimore and E. Sikes.

To Mayo—L. J. Hicks and H. W. Johnson.

To Little River—E. Sikes and T. R. Freeman.

Bear Creek—Elder W. R. Gallimore, C. E. Gallimore, P. M. Foster, Samuel Snider.

To Fisher's River—H. W. Johnson and L. J. Hicks.

To Mill Branch—Elder W. R. Gallimore.

To Salem—E. Sikes, A. Boroughs, Sam Snider, P. M. Foster, L. A. Wright.

To White Oak—Elder Sam McMillon, L. A. Wright.

To Black Creek—L. A. Wright, J. M. Trogdon.

To Nolachuckey—U. L. Peacock, J. M. Trogdon.

Agreed to continue to correspond with Contentnea, and on motion our association desires to continue to correspond with Mountain District Association, but will not fellowship B. F. Caudill and his followers. The clerk was requestd to send a copy of this action to the clerk of the Mountain District Association. We send a file of minutes to each association with which we correspond by messengers.

18. Called for circular letter, which was read and ordered printed in the minutes.

19. Appointed Brother H. T. Tucker to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They reported as follows:

In Hands of Clerk		$ 3.00
Sent in from Churches		60.30
Contributed by Brethren and Friends		52.70
Allowed for Printing Minutes	$ 17.00	
Gave Clerk for Services	8.00	
Gave to Ministers	88.00	— 113.00
In Hand of Clerk		$ 3.00

Committee discharged.

21. The moderator and clerk were appointed to distribute $88.00 among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next associatiton be held with the church at Tom's Creek, Davidson County, one mile northeast of Denton, one mile southeast of Snider, to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1920, Elder Samuel McMillon to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. R. Gallimore alternate, worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The clerk was allowed $8.00 for his services.

25. Called on the presbyteries to report, when Elder W. R. Gallimore reported that Elder S. J. Reich and himself together with other ordained help ordained Brother Albert Yarbrough to the office of deacon for the church at Pine on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1919. Also Elders Samuel McMillon, M. L. Willard, W. R. Gallimore, together with other ordained help, ordained Brother U. L. Peacock to the office of deacon for the church at Tom's Creek, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1919.

26. Resolved that we return thanks to God for His blessings, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their kindness in entertaining this association while we were with them.

27. After the minutes were read and rceived, the association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Dismissed by Elder M. E. Petty.

ELDER SAMUEL McMILLON, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

Steeds, N. C., August 19, 1919.

To the Dearly Beloved and Highly Esteemed and Precious Brethren that May Be Blessed with the Privilege of Meeting Together in an Associational Capacity:

It fills my poor soul with joy when I think of so many of the dear brethren going up to the house of our dear Lord and Master there to worship the true God that made all things, and there was nothing made without Him. I do feel to thank our God for the bringing in of so many of the precious and dear children and assembling them together. Oh, how beautiful is the sight when you are all assembled together, and the Almighty God sends His angel that John saw flying in the midst of heaven and having the everlasting gospel to preach to men on earth when the angel delivers this gospel by some of our gifted brethren, when it reaches the hearts of these dear people that God has set apart for Himself and love begins to flow from breast to breast, oh, brethren, how beautiful and lovely is the sight, when God's people from all parts of the nation sit down together and not a stranger in all the house. They are all taught of the Lord, therefore they all see eye to eye, and speak the same language, and all understand each other, and a stranger they will not hear.

Jesus is the good shepherd. He leadeth his sheep whithersoever he will. He also told his disciples that if they loved him they would keep his commandments. Now, dear brethren, I as one that loves the church above all things on earth, feel to admonish you all and myself to study to follow Jesus. First, do unto others as we would have them do to us, and love our neighber as ourselves. I would advise the children to obey their parents, and above all, brethren, live before your children as you want them to live. That is the way to train them in the way they should go. Study to show the way of Jesus, that is, the highway the old prophet spoke of. Now, brethren, remember that no unclean thing can be on that highway. Oh, how careful ought we to live.

Now, brethren, we know that no weapon that is formed against thee can destroy Christ's church that He built here, not even the gates of hell can prevail against it. But we will do well to remember that Jesus is the way unto life, which if we enjoy he is the way and that highway, and if we are on that highway, that straight and narrow way, we should earnestly strive to enter in at the straight gate. Now, dear children of God, we will do well to remember that we can't serve God and serve Satan at the same time. We cannot practice and associate with the wicked and inhabit the dens of sin and vice set up to entice and lead astray the young child of our God. Remember that Jesus did not associate with or receive spots on his character by mingling with or being caught in these dens of vice and shame, but He taught us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Let us keep ourselves clean and live in honor to our Lord and Master. For great is His name and mighty is His power, and His mercy endureth forever. He doeth His will and none can hinder Him. He hath blessed us all the days of our lives. Finally, my brethren, remember that our dear Lord and Master commanded us to love one another. I pray the Lord to lead, guide and direct us on that highway and keep us from all harm and teach us to fulfill His command. I do beg you to pray for me. Pray the good Lord to be with me in my last days that I may be held up by His mighty power that I may live in honor to Him.

Finally, brethren, farewell. My prayer is that God's will be done and to Him be all the glory and honor. Amen.

Written by one of the least of you good brethren, if one at all,

IRA FREEMAN.

MONDAY'S PREACHING.

Elder C. A. Davis preached from Genesis i. 3, followed by Elder A. G. Morton, from Psalm cxxxvi. 1. He was followed by Elder B. L Treece, from no especial text; followed by Elder Isaac Jones, from no especial text. Elder M. E. Petty made a few loving remarks. Dismissed by Elder P. W. Willard.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS.

Elder Samuel McMillion, High Point, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

To White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N .C.	20
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.	25
To Black Creek—Elder J. F. Farmer, Wilson, N. C.	20
To Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C.	25
To Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.	15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	40
To Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.	25
To Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco N. C.	25
To Mayo—Elder E. M. Barnard, Peter's Creek, Va.	15
To Upper Country Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C.	15
To Lower Country Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.	15
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston Salem N. C.	15
To New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va.	15
To Nolachucky—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn.	15
To Mountain District—J. M. Rector, Baywood, Va.	5

Flat Creek—A. N. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C. 16
Tom's Creek—W. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C. 66
Pine Meeting House—W. P. Williams, R. 2, Linwood, N. C. 80
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C. 10
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C. 25
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Martock, N. C. 15
Sugg's Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C. 60
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 2, Sanford, N. C. 25
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 30
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C. 60
Pierce's Chapel—H. M. Swaney, R. 1, Caraway, N. C. 20
Lexington—Elder W R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C. 33
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C. 60

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec. by Exp. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Flat Creek	A. N. Surratt, Jacob Morgan, W. M. Morris	..	..	..	..	..	1	11	1.25
Tom's Creek	U. L. Peacock, Lee Snider, J. R. Gamer	4	..	..	..	..	2	27	11.00
Pine M. H.	Tom Foster, H. C. Williams, W. P. Williams, H. L. Snider	.	..	1	2	..	..	61	10 00
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Sandy Creek	**Not Represented**	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Brush Creek	**L. J. Hicks, H. W. Johnson, E. F. Saunders**	2	..	..	..	..	..	8	1.00
Big Creek	**Represented by Contribution**	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.75
Sugg's Creek	**E. Sikes, G. H. Cornelison, A. Boroughs**	7	..	..	..	1	1	36	7.25
Gaines Grove	J. W. Gaines, Eli Phillips	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1.40
Rock Hill	**Not Represented**	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
White Oak Springs	Geo. Davis, H. T. Tucker, Tracy R. Freeman	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	3.50
Salisbury	Elder S. McMillon, S. B. McMillon, A. L. Owen	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	7.00
Pierce's Chapel	Tom Small, W. F. Snider, H. Trogden	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	1.50
Lexington	Sam Snider, J. M. Trogdon, J. M. Williams, C. E. Gallimore	..	5	..	..	..	..	11	3.15
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, J. A. Maness, N. Tucker	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	9.50

Absentees: W. M. Morris, H. L. Snider, J. W. Gaines, Eli Phillips, Geo. Davis, W. F. Snider, J. M. Williams.

MINUTES

Of the Ninety-Fifth Annual Session of the

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Tom's Creek, Davidson Co., N. C.

Commencing on Saturday Before the Fourth Lord's Day in August, 1920.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 1920.

1. By the request of Elder Samuel M. Millon and after praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Fagg, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. B. Kilby, from John 15:6.

2. After an intermission of one hour the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by Elder D. S. Staples the letters from the several churches were called for and read their state minutes. (See statistical table).

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Reading the rules of decorum were omitted.

5. Chose Elder Sam McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders W. C. Jones, Isaac Jones, D. S. Jones, C. A. Davis, F. W. Keene, W .W. Roberds, C. B. Kilby, H. M. Williams, S. J. Reich, J. A. Fagg, W. R. Helms, J. F. Mills. D. G. Staples, and B. L. Treece. Licentiate, W. A. Helms.

7. Called for corresponding messengers and the following offered:

From Upper County Line——Elder W. C. Jones, Bro. T. A. Snider and a file of minutes.

From Lower County Line—A file of minutes.

From Bear Creek—Elders H. M. Williams, J. F. Mills and Bro. R. Burris, massengers; Elders W. R. Helms, B. L. Treece and others. Visitors, with a file of minutes.

From Black Creek—None.

From Fisher River—A file of minutes.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis, S. J. Reich; Brothers T. J. Greer, Jim Snider and a file of minutes.

From Kehukee—A file of minutes.

From Little River—A file of minutes.

From White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones, W. W. Roberds. Brother Garner and a file of minutes.

From Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg, D. G. Staples and a file of minutes.

From Nolachuckey—A file of minutes.

From Contentnea—A file of minutes.

From New River—A file of minutes.

Elders F. W. Keene from the main conference in the State of Maine, and Elder C. B. Kilby, from the Center Association, were present and seated.

8. Call for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren J. M. Williams, L. A. Wright and R. T. Strange with the moderator and clerk, as a committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and H. W. Johnson as a committee on finance.

11. Appointed the committee of arrangements as a committee on preaching, who appointed for Sunday Elders S. J. Reich, F. W. Keene, Isaac Jones, W. W. Roberds, C. B. Kilby and C. A. Davis. Worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

For Monday—Elders J. F. Mills, B. L. Treece and Isaac Jones.

12. Adojourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by the moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING

The following brethren were appointed to preach at the stand as follows: Elder J. A. Fagg, who preached from 1 Tim. 5:24; Elder W. C. Jones, who preached from Eph. 2, 4-9; he was followed by Elder D. S. Jones, from no certain text.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder D. G. Staples preached from the 19th Psalm; followed by Bro. W. A. Helms, no special text.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY IN AUGUST, 1920

Those appointed to preach met at the stand. Services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Helms. Elder S. J. Rich preached from Zac. 9:9; followed by Elder F. W. Keene, from Songs of Solomon, 2:3; he was followed by Elder Isaac Jones. Location of text was not stated. Recess one hour. Elder W. W. Roberds continued the services and preached from 1 Tim. 4:16; followed by Elder C. B. Kilby, from Gal. 3:21-23; followed by Elder C. A. Davis from Heb. 8 ch. Elders W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams and J. A. Fagg preached Sunday night. Clerk failed to get text.

13. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Mills.

14. Called on committee on arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

15. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows:

To Upper County Line—E. Sikes, G. H. Cornelison and a file of minutes.

To Lower County Line—C. E. Gallimore and a file of minutes.

Mayo—J. R. Garner and file of minutes.

To Little River—A file of minutes.

To Bear Creek—Elders W. R. Gallimore, Samuel McMillon, Brother T. R. Fesperman and a file of minutes.

To Fisher's River—A file of minutes.

To Mill Branch—E. Sikes and a file of minutes.

To Salem—E. Sikes, J. M. Williams, Elder W. R. Gallimore and a file of minutes.

To White Oak—Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To Black Creek—A file of minutes.

To Contentnea—A file of minutes.

To Nolachuckey—Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

18. Called for circular letter which was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Brother T. R. Freeman to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

In Hands of Clerk		$ 3.00
Sent in from the Churches		85.70
Contributed by Brethren and Friends		68.00
Allowed for Printing Minutes	$ 25.00	
Gave Clerk for Services	10.00	
Paid Clerk for Postage	2.46	
Gave to Visiting Ministers	119.24	
Totals	$156.70	$156.70

Committee discharged.

21. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and H. W. Johnson with the moderator and clerk to distribute $119.24 among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pierce's Chapel, Randolph county, N. C., 15 miles southeast of Thomasville, and 15 miles west of Asheboro. To commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1921. Elder W. R. Gallimore to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Sam McMillon alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services.

25. Called on presbyteries to report. No report.

26. Resolved that we return thanks to God and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their kindnes shown us during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and received, the Association adjourned to time and place mentioned. Dismissed by Elder Isaac Jones.

ELDE RSAMUEL McMILLON, Moderator.

A. L. OWEN, Clerk. R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Spies, N. C., July 25, 1920.

Dear Brethren, Ministers and Messengers, who may compose the ninety-fifth session of the Abbots Creek Association which was appointed to be held with the church at Tom's Creek, Davidson county, N. C., together with many brethren and sisters in relation with and according to the love and purpose of God through Christ.

When I was appointed by the association of last year to write a circular letter for our minutes of this session, August, 1920, it shocked me so I could not render an excuse, feeling I was so short in comprehending the deep mysteries of the Scriptures.

This scripture which I will use came on my mind shortly after I was appointed to write this letter. It will be found in Second Peter, third chapter and eleventh verse: "What manner of persons ought ye to be." This is, I undestand, to the child of God, one who has put on Christ with an open profession, and gone home to his friends, the church, not to tell what he has done for the Lord, but what the Lord has done for him, if we believe that the sinner before he is changed is dead in sin and condemnation and can not come out within himself and we go to the church telling our little hope, that God for Christ sake has pardoned our sins. "What

manner of person ought ye to be." This scripture as I understand has reference to how the child of God should act, walk and talk.

I remember before I joined the church I would go to meeting and while waiting for the preacher, the brethren would talk to one another on spiritual things and when the preacher would drive up, the brethren would go out to meet him and shake each other's hand.

Now brthren let us keep in memory what one of the old writes commands was, calling for the old paths, speak often to one another, forget not the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.

Brethren let us examine ourselves and see if we are in the faith, if we so find, let us be ever ready to help in anything pertaining to the church militant. If we hear the Armenian world speaking against the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, speak out brethren, don't be ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believe.

Preaching of the gospel is not as the world says, to save dead sinners if they will accept the terms of the gospel; but to save them that has been killed to the love of sin who in time past drank sin down as a greedy ox drinketh water and at a time unexpected to him God visits him and turned him right about, then belief set in. This is the only way a man comes in possession of the belief and when God calls and qualifies a man and sends him forth with a message and he comes loaded with the good things from a far country, this man is ready to receive it.

We read in the scriptures that there are false teachers in the world so we should be careful how we follow even a gifted and qualified minister of the gospel of Christ, for all are subject to vanity and are liable at any time to drift into covetousness and idolatry.

Finally, brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind. Live in peace, and the God of love shall be with you. The grace of our Lord and Saviour, and the love and communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

H. T TUCKER.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elders J. F. Mills, B. L. Treece and Elder Isaac Jones preached at the stand. The clerk was busy in the house and did not get their texts. Dismissed by the moderator.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.
Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C. 20
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C. 25
To Black Creek—Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C. 25
To Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers. N. C. 25
To Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C. 15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C. 40
To Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C. 25
To Fisher's River. .Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C. 25
To Mayo—S. G. Dobyns, Claudville, Va. 20
To Upper County Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C. .. 15
To Lower County Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. 20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C. 15
To New River—Elder P. G. Lester, Floyd, Va. 15
To Nolachucky—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn. 15

Total 300

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—A. M. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C. 20
Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C. 75
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williamson, R. 2, Linwood, N. C. 70
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C. 10
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C. 25
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Martock, N. C. 15
Suggs' Creek—T. W. Manee, Allreds, N. C. 45
Gaine's Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 2, Sanford, N. C. 15
Rock Hill—M. H. Hill, R. 2, Seagrove, N. C. 15
White Oa kSprings—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 40
Salisbury—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C. R. 2. 53
Pierce's Chapel—A. H. Trogdon, R. 3, Asheboro, N. C. .. 15
Lexington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C. .. 29
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C. 73

Total 500

Statistical Table For 1920

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec by Exp. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Flat Creek	Represented by Contribution							13	$ 2 00
Tom's Creek	D Woodle, A. A. Snider, J. R. Garner	1					1	26	17 65
Pine M. H.	H. A. Williams, R. F. Snider, J. H. W. Wilson	2	1			1	3	62	11 00
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented								
Sandy Creek	Not Represented								
Brush Creek	J. L. Hicks, x —H W. Johnson, E. F. Saunders							8	4 00
Big Creek	Not Represented								
Sugg's Creek	E. Sikes, T. W. Maness, G. H. Cornelison							36	8 00
Gaines Grove	Contribution							11	1 50
Rock Hill	Represented by Contribution							13	50
White Oak Springs	T. R. Freeman, N. Tucker, H. T. Tucker		4					14	12 25
Salisbury	Elder S. McMillan, R. F. Strange, C. B. Owen, x —H. Pence x							23	9 00
Pierce's Chapel	W. F. Snider, T. L. Small, A H. Trogden						1	7	2 55
Lexington	C. E. Gallimore, Levi Trogden, J. M. Williams						1	10	5 00
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, J. A. Maness, T. L. Maness	1		2				21	13 75
	TOTALS	4	5	2	1	1	6	244	$87 20

Absentees marked thus—X

MINUTES

of the

NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the Church at

Pierce's Chapel, Randolph County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the Fourth Lord's Day in August, 1921

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 1921.

1. By the request of Elder W. R. Gallimore and after Praise and Prayer by Elder W. C. Jones, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder P. W. W ll:ard, from Hebrew 1:12.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the delegates from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by elder M. L. Williard the letters from the several churches were called for and read and their state minutes. (See statistical table.)

3. Called for petitionary letters when Brother L. R. Taylor presented a letter from a church called Lamm's Grove in Moore county, N. C., that was organized in 1919, asking to be attached to this association. Their request was granted and the Moderator gave the right hand of fellow-ship to her delegates.

4. Reading the rules of decorum were omitted.

5. Chose Elder Sam McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and stated: Elders Lee Hanks, P. W. Williard, M. L. Williard, C. A. Davis, H. M. Williams, S. H. Reid, H. F. Hutchins, J. S. Morrison, B. L. Truce, S. J. Reich, W. C. Jones, J. G. Southern.

7. Caller for corresponding messengers and the following appeared:

From Upper County Line—Elder W. C. Jones, Messenger J. R. Jones, W. H. Johnson, J. H. Combs, visitors.

From Lower County Line—J. W. Terry.

From Bear Creek—Elder B. L. Treece.

J. F. Burris, Will Helms.

From Black Creek—A. T. Strickler.

From Fisher's River—Elder J. S. Morrison.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Salem—Elders P. W. Williard, M. L. Williard and C. A. Davis,Messenger,Brother John Nance Tom Greer, Visitors.

From Little River—None.

From White Oak—None.

From Mayo—Elders S. H. Reid, H. F. Hutchins.

From Contentnea—None.

From New River—None.

From Nolachuckey—None.

Elder Lee Hanks, from the Original Upper Canochee, and elder H. M. Williams from Silver Creek Associations were present and seated.

We received a file of ministers from Upper and Lower County Line, Bear Creek, Contentnea, Little River, Black Creek, Kehukee, Fisher River, White Oak, Salem, Mayo and Nolachuckey Associations.

8. Called for circular letter which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangement.

9. Appointed Brethern J. B. Hulen, Lee Snider, L. A. Wright with the moderator and clerk as a committee on arrangements to report Monday Morning.

10. Appointed Brethern H. T. Tucker, U. L. Peacock as a committee on finance.

11. The committee of arrangements were appointed committee on preaching who appointed for Sunday Elders S. H. Reid, Lee Hanks, S. J. Reich, P. W. Williard and B. L. Treece; worship to commence at 10 o'clock. For Monday Elders W. C. Jones, C. A. Davis, H. F. Hutchison.

12. Adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Dismissed by Elder S. H. Reid.

SATURDAY EVENING

The following Elders were appointed to preach at the stand as follows: Elder J. G. Southern who preached from Zac. 13:1; Elder H. M. Williams followed from Eph. 2:4; he was followed by Elder J. S. Morrison.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder B. L. Treece preached from no special text, he was followed by Brother Will Helms from Eph. 6:19.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY IN AUGUST, 1921

Those appointed to preach met at the stand. Services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. G. Southern. Elder S. H. Reid preached from Gal. 3:2, he was followed by Elder Lee Hanks from Rev. 11:1, after a recess of one hour the services were continued in the house by Elder S. J. Reich, who preached from Sam. 17:34-35; followed by Elder P. W. Williard from 2nd. Kings 10:15. Elders B. L. Treece and M. L. Williard preached at the stand. Elders C. A. Davis and Elder M. M. Williard preached sunday night. Clerk failed to get their text.

THIRD DAY, MONDAY, AUGUST, 29, 1921

13. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by elder W. R. Gallimore.

14. Called on committee on arrangements to report.

Report received and committee discharged.

15. Called messenger names and noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messenger to report. Some attended, those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messenger to sister Associations as follows:

To Upper County Line—Elder W. R. Gallimore, H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Lower County Line—E. Sikes and a file of minutes.

To Mayo—H. W. Johnson—W. M. Mabe and minutes.

To Little River—R. E. Lamm and minutes.

To Bear Creek—R. F. Strange, C. B. Owen, D. P. Broadway and minutes.

To Fishers River—J. B. Hulin and minutes.

To Mill Branch—Minutes.

To Salem—W. M. Mabe, E. Sikes, J. B. Hulin and minutes.

To White Oak—Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To Blackcreek—Elder Samuel McMillon and minutes.

To Contentnea—Minutes.

To Nolachuckey—S. B. McMillon and minutes.

To New River—Minutes.

18. Called for circular letter which was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Brother D. P. Broadway to write a circular letter for our next year's minutes.

20. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from the churches	$81.65
Contributed by Brethren and Friends	33.35
Totals	$115.00
Allowed for Printing and Postage	$24.00
Gave clerk for services	10.00
Allowed for Association book	5.00
Gave to Ministers	76.00
Totals	$115.00

21. Same committee with moderator and clerk were appointed to distribute $76.00 among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next Association be held with the church at White Oak Springs, in Montgomery County, N. C., half mile south of Ether, 2 miles north of Star, on the Norfolk-Southern R. R., to commence on Saturday before fourth Lord's day in August, 1922. Elder Samuel McMillon to preach the introductory sermon. Elder W. R. Gallimore, alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services.

25. Called on Presbyteries to report, when Bro. J. B. Hulin reported that Elder S. J. Reich and Elder J. W. Gilliam, with other ordained help met with the church at Pine, at her request, on Saturday before the 2nd. Sunday in November, 1920 and ordained Bro. J. A. Will ams to office of deacon for said church.

26. On motion Brethren L. A. Wright, H. W. Johnson and A. H. Trogden were appointed to look after the property at Mt. Tabor church and report at our next association.

27. Resolved, that we return thanks to God for his blessings and to the Brethren Sisters and friends for their kindness shown us during our stay with them.

28. After the minutes were read and received the Association adjourned to time and place mentioned.

Dismissed by the Moderator.

Elder Samuel McMillon, Moderator.

A. L. Owen, Clerk.

R. 2., Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elder W. C. Jones preached from 3 John 3:1, he was followed by Elder C. A. Davis, clerk failed to get text.

He was followed by Elder H. F. Hutchins, from 2 Tim. 3:12.

Dismissed by the Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the dear and well beloved brethren that may compose the Abbott's Creek Union Primitive Baptist Association:

As I was appointed to write a circular letter for our next Association to be held with the church at Pierces Chapel feeling of a truth that this is the true church that Christ told Peter he would build on a sure foundation which is Jesus himself, the light and life of this great kingdom, and promised that the gates of hell should not prevail against it. What blessed people are we Brethren with such a King as Jesus to lead, guide and direct us. How lovingly does he address us, calling us little children, and says except ye become as little children ye can in no case enter the kingdom of heaven. This blessed kingdom is above all other kingdoms. Jesus being the king, himself, he being the Son of God, we being his children should follow him. He says if ye love me keep my commandments. One great command is that we love one another and not only the Brethren but our enemies also. Christ says if we love only our brethren the wicked do that much and he says our love must exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees. They were trying to destroy this blessed kingdom while Jesus was here, and brethren, the same Scribes and Pharisees are here yet, and are trying and still hope to destroy Christ's Kingdom, but thanks be to the God of this Kingdom. Jesus is our leader whose commandments we should obey. We should daily keep in our minds that we love each other. Love is the great weapon of our warfare. God is love and how can we follow Jesus in idolatory or following after the kingdoms of this world? We should shun every appearance of evil, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. If we join hands with the kingdoms of this world we get to ourselves sorrow, but thanks be to God who gives us the victory. He has put his laws in our hearts and imprinted them in our minds to keep us out of Satan's Kingdom. His laws being in our hearts and minds is why we so dearly love each other above all other people in honor preferring one another. It is no wonder it causes so much joy and gladness among the inhabitants of Jesus's Kingdom when one of his children comes home to het Brethren and asks them to judge him as to his fitness to join in Jesus's Kingdom, telling what the good Lord has done for him. This strengthens their hope that this King Jesus is their Savior and of what blessedness they know. When first they saw the Lord they then could sing the song of Moses and the Lamb which no one could sing only those who are born in Jesus Kingdom. What a blessed thing it is that there are no strangers in his kingdom. They all know each other seeing eye to eye and speaking the same thing and esteeming each other better than themselves and always fearing the Lord for the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Trusting that I have written this letter in the fear of the Lord and the love I have for the brethren, the inhabitants of Jesus's Kingdom. King Jesus will send his angels to comfort his afflicted people as he did poor Daniel when he sent his angel and shut the lion's mouth and no doubt the angel comforted Daniel while he was in the lions den, and so will Jesus be with us while we follow at his command. Written by one of the least if one at all.

TRACY R. FREEMAN.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.

Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.----20
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.----25
To Black Creek—Elder J. C. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.----25
To Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullers, N. C.----25
To Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bell, Wampee, S. C.----15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.----40
To Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, R. 2, Aurora, N. C.----25
To Fisher's River— Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1, Francisco, N. C.----25
To Mayo—S. G. Dobyns, Claudville, Va.----20
To Upper County Line—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C.----15
To Lower County Line—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.----20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston-Salem, N. C.----15
To New River—Elder P. G. Lester. Floyd, Va.----15
To Nolachucky—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn.----15

Total ----300

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—A. M. Surratt, R. 2, Richfield, N. C.----12
Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C.----75
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, R. 2, Linwood, N. C. ----62
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.----15
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.----30
Big Creek—L. W. Morgan, Martock, N. C.----10
Sugg's Creek—T. W. Maneess, Allreds, N. C.----47
Gaine's Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 2, Sanford, N. C.----10
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.----30
Salisbury—A. L. Owens, Salisbury, N. C., R. 2----50
Pierce's Chapel—A. H. Trogdon, R. 3, Asheboro, N. C.----20
Lexington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.----34
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.----63
Rock Hill—A. H. Trogdon, R. 3, Asheboro, N. C.----11
Lamm's Grove—T. R. Taylor, Carthage, N. C.----21

Total ----500

Statistical Table for 1921

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec. by Exp. and Bap.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Flat Creek	Represented by Letter	---	---	---	3	---	---	10	---
Tom's Creek	U. L. Peacock, Lee Snider, William Workman	---	---	---	---	---	2	26	$17.00
Pine M. H.	J. B. Hulin, A. G. Yorbrough, H. L. Snider	2	1	---	---	---	2	63	10.25
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sandy Creek	Not Represented	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Brush Creek	L. J. Hicks, H. W. Johnson, E. F. Saunders	1	---	---	---	---	---	9	5.00
Big Creek	Not Represented	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sugg's Creek	T. W. Maness, E. Sikes, W. E. Boroughs	2	---	---	---	---	---	38	7.75
Gaines Grove	Represented by Contribution	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	.50
Rock Hill	Represented by Contribution	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.75
White Oak Springs	H. T. Tucker, W. M. Mabe, T. R. Freeman	3	1	---	---	---	---	18	5.00
Salisbury	C. B. Owen, D. P. Broadway, R. F. Strange	---	---	---	---	---	---	23	10.00
Pierce's Chapel	W. F. Snider, Tom Small, A. H. Trogdon	1	---	---	---	---	---	9	3.00
Lexington	J. M. Trogdon, C. E. Gallimore, El. W. R. Galli	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	5.65
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, J. A. Maness, T. L. Maness	1	---	---	---	---	---	22	13.75
Lamm's Grove	L. R. Taylor, R. E. Lamm, A. C. Key	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	2.00
	TOTALS	10	2	---	3	---	4	249	$81.65

MINUTES

of the

Ninety-Seventh Annual Session

of the

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

Held With the Church at

White Oak Springs,

Montgomery County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the

Fourth Lord's Day in August, 1922

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1922

1. By the request of Elder S. McMillon and after praise and Prayer by Elder Ed. Davis the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Isaac Jones, from Titus 2:11.

2. After the usual intermission the messengers from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by Elder J. A. McCloud, the letters from the churches were called for, read and their state minuted. (See statistical table.)

3. Called for petitionary letters, none presented.

4. Reading the rules of decorum were omitted.

5. Chose Elder Samuel McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders Isaac Jones, Ed. Davis, C. A. Davis, J. A. Fagg, A. G. Morton, W. A. Gourley, B. L. Treece, W. M. Monsee, Jesse Barnes, F. W. Keen, H. F. Hutchins, M. L. Williard, S. J. Reich, J. A. McCloud and H. M. Williams.

7. Called for corresponding messengers and the following appeared:

From Upper County Line—Elder W. M. Monsees, C. W. Rice, W. G. Dix, C. L. Saunders.

From Lower County Line—J. W. Ferry.

From Bear Creek—J. F. Burris, B. L. Treece, messengers.

From Black Creek—Elder Jesse Barnes, A. T. Strickland.

From Fisher's River—None.

From Mill Branch—None.

From Salem—Elders S. J. Reich, C. A. Davis,

Brother Lee Smith, Messengers, Elders M. L. Williard, A. G. Morton and others, vis.

From Little River—M. M. Johnson, visitor.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones.

From Mayo—Elders J. A. Fagg, H. F. Hutchins, Brother J. W. Moorefield.

From Contentnea—None.

From New River—None.

From Nolachuckey—None.

Elder J. A. McCloud from Flint River, Elder Ed. Davis, from Center, Elder H. M. Williams from Silver Creek, Associations and Elder F. W. Keen from Maine Conference were seated as visitors.

We received a file of minutes from Upper and Lower County Line, Nolachuckey, White Oak, Salem, Black Creek, Contentnea, Little River, Mayo, Kehukee, Bear Creek, Mill Branch, Center and Zion Associations.

8. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren L. A. Wright, Elder W. R. Gallimore and R. F. Strange, with the Moderator and Clerk as a committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker, U. L. Peacock as committee on finance.

11. The committee on arrangements together with the messengers of White Oak Springs Church were appointed as committee on preaching, elders Jesse Barnes, Isaac Jones, Ed. Davis and J. A. Fagg were appointed to preach Sunday worship to commencement at 10 o'clock. Elders W. M. Monsees, H. F. Hutchins and B. L. Treece were appointed for Monday..

12. Adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning, dismissed by Elder J. A. Fagg.

SATURDAY EVENING

The following Elders were appointed to preach at the stand: Elder M. L. Williard, who preached from Isaiah 54:12, followed by W. A. Gourley from Matt. 16:17, followed by Elder C. A. Davis from Isaiah 55:12, he was followed by Elder J. A. McCloud.

Elder F. W. Keen preached Saturday night from Matt. 11:28-30.

FOURTH LORD'S DAY IN AUGUST, 1922

Those elected to preach met at the stand. Services were opened by Elder W. M. Monsees, Elder Jesse Barnes preached from Gen. 24:58, Elder O. J. Denny was called on and he preached from Rev. 7:9, followed by Elder Isaac Jones from 1st Cor. 2:2. After a recess of one hour Elder Ed. Davis continued the services and preached from Isaiah 49:15, followed by Elder J. A. Fagg from Rev. 1:18, he was followed by Elder S. J. Reich from Luke 14:3.

Elder H. M. Williams preached Sunday night from no special text.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1922

13. The Association met according to adjournment, Praise and prayer by Elder B. L. Treece.

14. Called on committee on arrangements to report, Report received and committee discharged.

15. Called messengers names, noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report, some attended, those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to Sister Associations as follows:

To Upper County Line—H. W. Johnson, D. H. Cornelison and minutes.

To Lower County Line—Minutes.

To Mayo—C. B. Owen and minutes.

To Little River—H. W. Johnson and Minutes.

To Bear Creek—Elders W. R. Gallimore, J. R. Garner and Minutes.

To Fisher's River—J. B. Hulin and Minutes.

To Mill Branch—Minutes.

To Salem—Elders W. R. Gallimore, W. M. Mabe, C. E. Gallimore and Minutes.

To White Oak—Elders Sam McMillon, L. A. Wright, A. K. Maness and Minutes.

To Black Creek—L. R. Taylor, L. A. Wright, Pharoah Bullock, Elder Sam McMillon and Minutes.

To Contentnea—Minutes.

To Kehukee—Minutes.

To New River—Minutes.

To Nolachuckey—El. Sam McMillon and minutes.

18. The circular letter was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Brother U. L. Peacock to write a circular letter for next year's minutes.

20. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from the churches		$101.30
Contributed by Brethren and friends		37.70
Allowed for printing and postage	$24.00	
Gave clerk for services	10.00	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	95.00	
Totals	$139.00	$139.00

21. On motion the Finance Committee with the Moderator and clerk, were appointed to distribute $95.00 among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Lamm's Grove in Moore county, N. C., 7 miles east of Carthage, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1923. Elder Samuel McMillon to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. R. Gallimore, Alternate. Worship to commence at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The clerk was allowed $10.00 for his services.

25. Called on Presbyteries to report, no report.

26. The book that the clerk was appointed to buy for the Association was presented, and accepted.

27. The Committee who were appointed to look after the property of Mt. Tabor Church reported that they found some property belonging to New Mt. Tabor. Sister Sarah E. Lewis was appointed to sell said property and take the proceeds for her trouble.

And in regard to old Mt. Tabor it was ordered that the public be permitted to use a certain portion on the west side for a cemetary. L. A. Wright was appointed to notify the parties concerned of this action.

28. Resolved that we extend our thanks to God for all his blessings, and to the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this community for their liberal hospitality and kindness in providing for and entertaining this association.

29. After the minutes were read and received, the association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Dismissed by Elder C. A. Davis.

Elder Samuel McMillon, Moderator.

A. L. Owen, Clerk, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Services were opened by Elder F. W. Keen, Elder W. M. Monsees then preached from Esther 4:16, followed by Elder H. F. Hutchins from 1st Chron. 29:15, followed by Elder B. L. Treece from John 5:28. Closed by the Moderator from no certain text.

Thus closed a lovely session of this association and will be remembered many days to come.

Names and addresses of our ministers:

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the members and Messengers who may compose the Abbots Creek Association, to convene with the church at White Oak Springs, Montgomery County, N. C.

GREETINGS:

Being appointed to prepare a letter, and while meditating on what to write, something seems to impress me to write of your relationship with God.
Dear Brethren:- I feel like the church is the highest Court on earth, the people of God, the Church that God set up here on earth.

And ye are his workmanship, the workmanship of God, Created in Christ Jesus unto good works, ye are the salt of the earth, ye are a chosen generation, a holy nation, the only nation under Heaven that is holy, (the Church) Christ, the head over all things to the church is holy.

Therefore ye are a holy nation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people Zelious of good works. Ye are not your own, Ye are Christs, Ye are bought with a price, and that price is the shed Blood of the meek and lowly Lamb of God. It was not shed in vain, but one application of his blood to a poor sinner cleanses.

Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made like wool. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as snow.

Such is the power of his Blood. It redeems, then ye have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, made an hire of God and a joint heir with Christ. Then ye are rich, ye are full, and all that Heaven affords will be yours some sweet day.

Glorious thought! The apostle Peter says, If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are you, for the spirit of Glory and of God resteth upon you. 1st P-4-14. And finally be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another. Love as brethren, be pityful and be courtious.

Press on a few more days and the conflict will be over, go on in the service of your blessed Savior, for there is nothing lost in serving H m. for He has promised never to leave nor forsake you, but He will be with you in all your changes here. He will be with you in death. He will watch over your sleeping dust until the morning of the resurection, then He will present your bodies and fashion them like unto His own glorious body, and land you safely on the shining shores of sweet deliverence where you will be permitted to bask in the sunshine of His blessed love, and to praise Him for ever and ever. Amen.

In this hope I am your little Brother,

D. P. BROADWAY.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR MINISTERS

Elder Samuel McMillon, High Point, N. C.

Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.----------20
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.----------25
To Black Creek—Elder J. C. Hoocks, Fremone, N. C.----------25
To Little River—Elder J. A. Jones, McCullen, N. C.----------20
To Mill Branch—Elder Thomas Bill, Mampee, S. C.----------15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamson, N. C.----------35
To Contentnea—B. D. Rowe, Aurora, N. C. ----------25
To F shers River—Elder F. P. Stone, R. 1. Francisco, N. C.-------25
To Mayo—S. G. Doblyns, Claudville, Va.----------20
To Upper C. L.—S. J. Hale, Cedar Grove, N. C.----------20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. ----------20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C. ----------15
To Nolachuckey—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn.---------15

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, Richfield, R. 2., N. C.----------15
Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C. ----------75
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, R. 2., Linwood, N. C.----------50
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.----------15
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C. ----------30
Big Creek—J. N. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C. ----------15
Sugg's Creek—T. W. Maness, Aldeds, N. C. ----------45
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 2., Sanford, N. C.----------15
White Oak Springs, Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.----------35
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Salisbury, N. C., R. 2 ----------55
Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C. ----------30
Lexington—Elder W. R. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C.----------25
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.----------55
Rock Hill—A. H. Trogdon, R. 3., Ashboro, N. C.----------15
Lamm's Grove—L. R. Taylor, Carthage, N. C. ----------45

Statistical Table for 1922

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec. by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Flat Creek	Jake Morgan x				1	1	2	7	$1.50
Tom's Creek	U. L. Peacock, Lee Snider, J. R. Garner	3		1			2	26	19.00
Pine M. H.	H. E. Walser, R. F. Snider, P. H. Young						1	62	8.50
Sandy Creek	Not represented								
Brush Creek	J. L. Hicks, E. F. Sanders, H. W. Johnson	1	1					11	5.50
Big Creek	Represented by contribution								.65
Sugg's Creek	T. H. Cornelison, W. E. Borroughs, P. Aumon			4			3	32	6.50
Gaines Grove	Represented by contribution								.50
Rock Hill	A. H. Trogdon x		2				2	10	3.00
White Oak Springs	Wm. Mabe, H. T. Tucker, Tracy Freeman x	4	1					24	7.30
Salisbury	C. B. Owen, R. F. Strange, D. P. Broadway						2	22	10.35
Pierces Chapel	T. L. Small x, E. L. Summy x, M. L. Wood	12	2					18	5.00
Lexington	Eld. W.R.Gallimore, C.E.Gallimore, T.M.Trogdon x				1			9	5.40
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, A. K. Maness, N. W. Maness							22	18.10
Mt. Tabor	Not represented								
Lamm's Grove	L. R. Taylor, R.E.Lamm, Pharoah Bullock	5	3	1				28	10.00
	TOTALS	25	9	6	2	1	11	271	101.30

Absentees marked thus x.

MINUTES

of the

Ninety-Eighth Annual Session

of the

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

Held With the Church at

Lamm's Grove

Moore County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the

Fourth Sunday in August, 1923.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1923.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Sam McMillon from Isaiah 62:6.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from the different churches met in the house of worship and after praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Reich, the letters from the churches were called for, read and their state minuted. (See stat. table.)

3. Called for petitionary letters, none presented.

4. The rules of decorum were read.

5. Chose Elder Samuel McMillon moderator.

6. Invited visiting ministers to seats. The following were present and seated: Elders J. W. Wyatt, J. A. Fagg, J. S. Morrison, W. W. Roberts, G. O. Key, Isaac Jones, W. C. McMillon, L. A. Johnson, F. W. Keene, G. M. Trent, C. A. Davis, R. H. Boswell, S. J. Reich.

7. Called on corresponding messengers and the following appeared:

From Upper County Line—Bro. J. M. Dennis.

From Lower County Line—None.

From Bear Creek—Brethren J. W. Jones, W. A. Dry, T. A. McLennan.

From Black Creek—Elder R. H. Boswell, Brethren F. W. Boswell, B. A. Scott, A. T. Strictland, visitors.

From Fishers River—Elders G. O. Key, J. S. Morrison, Brethren H. M. Southern, R. L. Hall.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis, S. J. Reich, Messengers, Brethren B. F. Southern, J. A. Peele, visitors.

From Little River—Brethren R. F. Smith, S. E. Williams, R. D. Langdon and J. M. Whitington.

From White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones, W. W. Roberts.

From Mayo—Elder J. A. Fagg, J. W. Moorefield.

From Contentnea—None.

From New River—None.

From Nolachuckey—Elder W. C. McMillon.

Elder F. W. Keene, from the Maine conference, Elder L. A. Johnson, Brethren W. V. Blackman and E. G. Blackman from the Seven mile association were seated as visitors.

We received a file of minutes from Mayo, Salem, Contentnea, Fishers River, Upper and Lower County Line, Bear Creek Senter, Mill Branch, Black Creek, White Oak, Little River, Kehukee, Nolachucky and Zion associations.

8. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

9. Appointed Brethren H. S. Williams, B. A. Peacock and A. G. Yarbrough with the Moderator and clerk as a committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and U. L. Peacock as committee on finance.

11. The committee on arrangements and the messengers from Lamm's Grove church were appointed as committee on preaching.

12. Adjoined until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Dismissed by Elder Isaac Jones.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING

The following Elders were appointed to preach at the stand while the business of the association was carried on in the house, Elder J. W. Wyatt who preached from Gen. 7:16, Elder J. S. Morrison, who preached from Matt. 5:17, and Elder F. W. Keene who preached from Gen. 8:6.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1923.

Worship opened by Elder W. W. Roberts by praise and prayer, Elder S. J. Reich then preached from Luke 16:26, followed by Elder G. O. Key, from Rev. 22:12.

He was followed by Elder W. C. McMillon from Tim. 4:10.

After an intermission of an hour Elder Isaac Jones continued the services and preached from John 6:53, followed by Elder L. A. Johnson, no certain text. He was followed by Elder R. H. Boswell from John 1:12, Elder J. A. Fagg closed from Matthew 11:4.

Elder G. M. Trent preached Saturday night from Isaiah 46:17.

Elder W. C. McMillon preached Sunday night from 2nd. Peter 3:9, followed by Elder R. H. Boswell, from Gen. 3:5.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 1923.

13. The association met according to adjournment, praise and prayer by Elder R. H. Boswell.
14. Called on committee on arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.
15. Called messengers names, noted absentees.
16. Called on corresponding messenger to report, some attended, those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper County Line—H. W. Johnson, J. W. Gaines and minutes.

To Lower County Line—Minutes.

To Mayo—H. E. Walser, A. L. Owen and minutes.

To Little River—R. E. Lamm, J. A. Edwards and minutes.

To Bear Creek—H. S. Williams, H. E. Walser, C. E. Gallimore and minutes..

To Fishers River—H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Mill Branch—Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To Salem—L. A. Wright, Pharoah Bullock, Elder Sam McMillon, H. S. Williams, T. W. Maness and minutes.

To White Oak—Elder Sam McMillon, L. A. Wright, T. L. Maness and minutes.

To Black Creek—Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To Contentnea—Minutes.

To Kehnkee—Minutes.

To New River—Minutes.

To Nolachucky—Minutes.

18. The circular letter was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Brother Pharoah Bullock to write a circular letter for our next years minutes.

20. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from the churches		$107.70
Contributed by Brethren and friends		30.00
Allowed for printing minutes	$22.50	
Allowed the Clerk	15.00	
Gave to Moderator	10.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	90.20	
Totals	$137.70	137.70

21. The Finance Committee with the Mederator and Clerk, were appointed to distribute $90.20 among the preachers.

22. A greed that our next association be held with the church at Gaines Grove, 5 miles south-west of Goldston in Chatham County, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1924. Elder Sam McMillon to preach the introductory sermon, worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and to have 800 copies printed.

24. The clerk was allowed $15.00 for his services.

25. Called on presbyteries to report when Bro. H. T. Tucker reported that Elders M. L. Williard and S. H. Read with other ordained help meet with with the church at Brush Creek on the first Saturday in July, 1923, and ordained Bro. H. W. Johnson to the office of Deacon for said church.

Also, Brother Pharoah Bullock reported that Elders R. H. Boswell and G. Denny and others, ordained Brother A. C. Key and Bro. R. L. Comer to the office of Deacon at Lamm's Grove church the 2nd. Sunday in March, 1923.

26. Resolved that we extend our thanks to God, and the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this church and community for all kindness shown us during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and received, the association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Dismissed by Elder Isaac Jones.

Elder Samuel McMillon, Moderator.

A. L. Owen, Clerk, R. 2., Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY'S PREACHING

Elder W. W. Roberts opened the services and preached from Matt. 9:37-38, he was followed by Elder C. A. Davis from John 11:3.

Closed by the Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren, Ministers and Messengers:—

As I was appointed to write a circular letter for our next Association to be held with the church at Lamb's Grove, and after meditating upon the obligation which the Association had placed upon me, my mind became centered upon the words—Peace and Love. When we learn that peace and love abounds in the churches, we are satisfied that our God is still walking in the midst of the seven golden candle-sticks, holding the angels or pastors in His right hand and commands them to feed the flock of God over which the Holy Spirit hath made them overseers to feed the church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood that our hearts might be comforted—being knit together in love. If we then be risen with Christ—seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, and set our affections on things above, not on things of the earth for we are dead and our lives are hid with Christ in God.

And when Christ who is our life shall appear then shall we also appear with Him in glory—seeing that we have such hope let us put on as the elect of God, holy and beloved bonds of mercies, kindness, long suffering, humbleness of mind, meekness, forbearing one with another and forgiving one another as Christ forgave us. And whatsoever we do in word and deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren whatsoever things are true, whatsoever are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report—if there be any virtue and if there be any praise it is all of the Lord for He works all these things in us.

Let us think on these things and the God of peace and love shall be with us all. Amen.

Your brother in hope,

U. L. PEACOCK.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C. ----------20
To Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C. ----------25
To Black Creek—Elder J. L. Hooks, Fremont, N. C. ----------25
To Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C. ----------20
To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C. ----------15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C. ----------35
To Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. ----------25
To Fishers River—Eld. F. P. Stone, R1., Francisco, N. C. ----------25
To Mayo—S. G. Dobyns, Claudeville, Va. ----------20
To Upper C. L.—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. ----------20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. ----------20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C. ----------15
To Nolachucky—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn. ----------15

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, R. 2., Richfield, N. C. ----------20
Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C. ----------75
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, R. 3., Linwood, N. C. ----------55
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C. ----------10
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek ----------30
Big Creek—J. H. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C. ----------10
Sugg's Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C. ----------45
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, R. 3., Sanford, N. C. ----------20
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C. ----------40
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Salisbury, N. C., R. 2. ----------55
Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C. ----------25
Lexington—C. E. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C. ----------15
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C. ----------60
Rock Hill—A. H. Trogdon, R. 3., Asheboro, N. C. ----------15
Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, R. 2., Carthage, N. C. ----------45

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1923

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec. by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Flat Creek	Represented by Letter and Contribution	2						9	2.10
Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, B. A. Peacock, U. L. Peacock	1	1				3	24	18.35
Pine M. H.	J. A. Snider, A. G. Yarbrough, J. A. Williams	2		1			2	60	10.00
Sandy Creek	Not Represented								
Brush Creek	H. W. Johnson, U. G. Johnson, J. P. Nelson	3						14	8.00
Big Creek	Represented by Contribution								.50
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented								
Sugg's Creek	G. H. Cornelison, T. W. Maness, P. Aumon	2						34	10.00
Gaines Grove	J. W. Gaines, Eli Phillips							7	1.00
Rock Hill	Joe Nance*, J. M. Trogdon, A. H. Trodgen		1			1		11	2.50
White Oak Springs	Tracy Freeman, G. L. Davis, H. T. Tucker						1	23	12.00
Salisbury	H. S. Williams, A. C. Vanhoy, C. B. Owen	3					1	24	10.00
Pierces Chapel	B. S. Swany, E. L. Summy*, Frank Snider*							18	5.00
Lexington	C. E. Gallimore			3				4	2.00
Cotton Creek	T. L. Maness, L. A. Wright, J. A. Maness				1			21	16.15
Lamm's Grove	R. E. Lamm, Pharoah Bullock, A. C. Kev	4	1					32	10.00
	Absentees marked thus: *. Totals	17	3	4	1	1	7	280	107.70

MINUTES

of the

Ninety-ninth Annual Session

of the

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

Held With the Church at

Gaines Grove

Chatam County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the

Fourth Sunday in August, 1924

Peeler's Printery, Salisbury, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1924

1. By the request of Elder Sam McMillon, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Isaac Jones from 2 Tim. 4:1-2.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from the different churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder R. W. Gurganus, the letters from the different churches were called for, and all read and received, except the letter from Sugg's creek, which was left over to give them time to investigate their action in receiving Elder P. J. Washburn. (See Statistical Table.)

It was agreed to not seat anyone who had been affiliating with Elder J. R. Wilson's disorder.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Omitted reading the rules of decorum.

5. Chose Elder Sam McMillon Moderator, who called to his assistance Elder Isaac Jones.

6. Invited visiting ministers and messengers from sister associations to seats and the following were seated:

From Upper Country Line—Elders J. W. Gilliam, B. F. McKinney, W. C. Jones, Brethren J. M. Dennis, W. H. Johnson.

From Lower County Line—Bro. J. W. Terry, Dr. H. E. Satterfield.

From Black Creek—Elder R. H. Boswell, Brethren J. Pittman, W. C. Boyett, A. T. Strictland and H. Baykin.

From Fishers River—Bro. J. D. Key.

From Salem—Elder S. J. Reich.

From Little River—None.

Elder H. F. Hutchison preached Saturday night from Ezra 6:4.

From White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones, R. W. Gurganus.

From Mayo—Elder H. F. Hutchinson.

From Contentnea—None.

From Nolachuckey—Tenn.—None.

Elder F. W. Keene from the Maine conference.

Elder M. B. Martin from the Mountain.

Elder B. V. Jesse from Pig River.

Bro. L. P. Jernigan from the Seven Mills Association was welcomed as visitors.

We received a file of minutes from the Upper and Lower County Line, Salem, Mayo, Fishers River, Little River, Kehukee, White Oak, Bear Creek, Senter, Contentnea, Mill Branch, Black Creek and Zion associations.

7. Called for circular letter. Handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

8. Appointed Brethren L. A. Wright, D. P. Broadway, U. L. Peacock with the moderator and clerk as a committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed Brethren C. B. Owen, H. T. Tucker as committee on finance.

10. Elected by Bollot, Elders Isaac Jones, M. B. Martin, B. F. McKinney, S. J. Reich to preach Sunday worship to commence at 10 o'clock.

And Elders J. W. Gilliam, W. C. Jones, R. H. Boswell to preach Monday worship to commence at 9 o'clock.

Elder H. F. Hutchins to preach Saturday night.

Elder F. W. Keene to preach Sunday night.

11. Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock.

Dismissed by Elder J. W. Gillian.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING

Elder R. V. Jesse preached at the stand while business of the Association was carried on in the house. Clerk failed to get text. He was followed by Elder R. W. Gurganus from John 1:1.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1924

Worship opened by Elder Isaac Jones by praise and prayer. He then preached from Eph. 2:8-9, followed by Elder M. B. Martin from John 14:6.

After an intermission of one hour Elder B. F. McKinney continued the services and preached from Isaiah 53 ch. followed by Elder S. J. Reich from Sam. 23:5, followed by Elder F. W. Keene from Isaiah 25:8-9-10.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1924

12. The association met according to adjournment, praise and prayer by Elder B. F. McKinney.

13. Called on committee on arrangements to report. Report received and committee discharged.

14. Called messengers name, noted absentees.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended, those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper County Line—Elder Sam McMillon, H. W. Johnson.

To Lower County Line—H. S. Williams, D. P. Broadway, B. A. Peacock, R. F. Strange and minutes.

To Mayo—Minutes.

To Little River—H. S. Williams and minutes.

To Fishers River—H. W. Johnson, H. S. Williams and Minutes.

To Mill Branch—Minutes.

To Salem—C. B. Owen, L. A. Wright, H. S. Williams, J. A. Maness, R. F. Strange and Minutes.

To White Oak—Elder Sam McMillon, Lee Snider, W. H. Trogdon and Minutes.

To Black Creek—Elder Sam McMillon, H. S. Williams and Minutes.

To Contentnea-Minutes.

To Kehukee—Minutes.

To Nolachuckey—Tenn.—Minutes.

17. The circular letter was read and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

18. Appointed Bro. H. S. Williams to write a circular letter for our next years minutes.

19. Called on committee on finance to report.

They reported as follows:

Sent in from the churches		$88.85
Contributed by Brethren and friends		29.60
Allowed for printing Minutes	$22.50	
Allowed the clerk	15.00	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	70.95	
TOTALS	$118.45	$118.45

20. The finance committee with the moderator and clerk, were appointed to distribute $70.95 among the visiting ministers.

21. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C., and to commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1925. Elder Sam McMillon to preach the introductory sermon, Bro. H. S. Williams, alternate. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

22. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and to have 800 copies printed.

23. Allowed the clerk $15.00 for his services.

24. Called on presbyteries to report. When Bro. A. H. Trogdon reported the ordination of Brethren Bud Swaney and W. E. Jerral, to the office of Deacon for the church at Pierces Chapel, on the first Sunday in August, 1924.

25. It was agreed to advise all of the churches of this association not to preach P. J. Washburn, or any other preacher who sides in word or act with the socalled disorderly faction.

And that correspondence be dropped with the Bear Creek Association on account of disorder among them.

26. Resolved that the thanks of this association be presented to God, and to all the inhabitants of this vicinity for the kindness extended during the present association.

27. After the minutes were read and received the Association adjourned to time and place above mentioned.

Dismissed by Elder S. J. Reich.

Elder Sam McMillon, Moderator.

Elder Isaac Jones, Assistant Moderator.

A. L. Owen, Clerk, Rt. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY PREACHING

Elder J. W. Gilliam preached but clerk failed to get text. He was followed by Elder R. H. Boswell from 1 John 1:3.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Brethren and Sisters of the Abbott's Creek Association:

As I was appointed to write the circular letter, I will try as the Lord may direct. It seems that the love of God is on my mind this evening, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish; but have everlasting life.—John 3:16. Here we see that all believers are emblaced in the most tender and affectionate manner, because it is the believer that knows, without mercy he must perish. They are the ones that have had that distressing fear of perishing. So they implore God for mercy. They have often made the sad decision that they were lost so it is those that Christ came to seek and to save, it is those that Christ said should not perish for God so loved them that he gave His only begotten Son that they should not perish. This love was with God before we loved Him, so this is a good reason to beleive that it will never be taken away. If God so loved us, we ought to also love one another I John 4-11. Because we are the objects of God's love is sufficient reason for us to love our brethren. We may see something in the couduct of our brethren that is disaggreeable to us, but if we will look carefully we may see many such like things in ourselves. We are taught to be meek and to consider ourselves, remembering that our bodies are only sinful flesh. For this reason Christ said, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation." The spirit truly is willing but the flesh is weak. The children of God often weep on account of their weakness; but God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty. 1 Corrinthians 1:27. So, brethren, let us walk in meekness and in love endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, for if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another, Galations 5:15. The apostle spake of wolves entering in, not sparing the flock, then dear brethren we should not act the part of wolves, when questions of dispute arise, we should be careful how we speak and act. If we speak in an unbrotherly manner, we are liable to destroy that essential brotherly love.

We should come together and talk over our differences and thoroughly understand each other, then the differences might not be so great as we think. Our chief concern should be to comfort God's children, cheer up those that are cast down, remembering that our humble Saviour commends acts of kindness done unto His people as done unto Him. May God bless us all and keep us humble.

Your brother in Christ, I hope,

PHAROAH BULLOCK,

Alston, Ga., Box 82.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C. ----------20
To Black Creek—Elder J. L. Hooks, Fremont, N. C. ----------25
To Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C. ----------20
To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C. ----------15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C. ----------35
To Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. ----------25
To Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., R. 1 ------25
To Mayo—S. G. Dobyns, Claudeville, Va. ----------25
To Upper C. L.—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. --------20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. ----------20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C. ----------15
To Nalachuckey—Tenn.—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn.--15
To Zion—H. F. Branscom, Fancy Gap, Va. ----------12
To Senter—Elder Ed. Davis, Whitetop, Va. ----------12

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, R. 2, Richfield, N. C. ----------20
Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C. ----------60
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, R. 3, Linwood, N. C. ----------65
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C. ----------30
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C. ----------10
Big Creek—J. H. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C. ----------15
Gains Grove—J. W. Gains, R. 3, Sanford, N. C. ----------20
Rock Hill—A. H. Trogdon, R. 3, Ashboro, N. C. ----------25
Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C. ----------40
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C. ----------40
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, R. 2, Salisbury, N. C. ----------70
Lexington—C. E. Gallimore, Lexington, N. C., R. 6, B. 11 --------15
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C. ----------56
Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, R. 2, Carthage, N. C. ----------50

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Flat Creek	Jake Morgan*						2	7	$2.55
Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, B. A. Peacock, U. L. Peacock			2	1		2	20	16.00
Pine M. H.	R. F. Snider, H. C. Williams, H. L. Snider	2					3	59	10.25
Sandy Creek	Not Represented								
Brush Creek	J. L. Hicks, H. W. Johnson, J. P. Nelson							14	5.50
Big Creek	Contribution								.50
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented								
Gaines Grove	J. W. Gaines							7	1.00
Rock Hill	J. H. Trogdon, W. H. Trogdon, J. Trogdon	6		1				17	3.00
White Oak Springs	W. M. Mabe, H. T. Tucker, J. S. Tucker	2						21	5.75
Salisbury	H. S. Williams, C. B. Owen, D. P. Broadway							24	15.30
Pierces Chapel	T. L. Small,* C. S. Swaney, M. L. Wood							18	5.50
Lexington	C. E. Gallimore							3	1.50
Cotton Creek	T. L. Maness, L. A. Wright, J. A. Maness						1	20	12.00
Lamm's Grove	R. E. Lamm, A. C. Key, J. A. Edwards	1	2				1	35	10.00
	Absentees marked thus *. Totals	11	2	3	1		9	245	$88.85

MINUTES

of the

One-hundredth Annual Session

of the

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

Held With the Church at

Salisbury

Rowan County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the

Fourth Sunday in August, 1925

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1925.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Sam McMillon, from John 3:16.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from thirteen churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder G. O. Kee, the letters from the several churches were called for, read, and contents noted. (See Statistical Table.)

A letter was received from Sugg's Creek which gave satisfaction, and her messengers were seated. It was still agreed to not seat with any one who had been affiliating with Elder J. R. Wilson.

3. Rules of decorum were read.

4. Chose Elder Sam McMillon Moderator.

5. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats, and the following were present and seated:

From Upper County Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, J. M. Denniss, Messengers, Elder B. F. McKinney, Visitor.

From Lower County Line—Dr. H. E. Satterfield, J. W. Terry, Messengers; Dr. C. B. Hall, Visitor.

From Black Creek—Elder J. Wes Wyatt.

From Fishers River—Elders G. O. Kee, J. S. Morrison, Brother J. D. Kee, ———— Jones.

From Salem—Elders S. J. Reich, C. A. Davis, A. G. Marton, Bro. W. L. Teague, Lee Smith and others.

From Little River—None.

From White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Elder R. W. Gurganus.

From Mayo—Elders J. W. Tuttle, H. S. Reid, G. M. Trent, H. F. Huchens and Elder J. A. Fagg.

From Contentnea—None.

From Nolachuckey, Tenn.

From Keehukee—None.

Elder W. F. Keene from Maine Conference.

Elder P. J. Washburn from Pig River.

Elder S. J. Preddy from Indian Creek, W. Va.

Bro. H. F. Branscom from Zion.

Bro. Z. L. and Frank Osburn from Mountain District Association were seated as visitors.

We received a file of minutes from White Oak, Nolachuckey, Tenn., Fishers River, Keehukee, Contentnea, Salem, Black Creek, Upper and Lower County Lines, Little River, Mayo, Senter and Zion Associations.

6. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

7. Appointed Brethren L. A. Wright, U. L. Peacock, Pharoah Bullock, with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

8. Appointed Brethren H. T. Tucker and G. H. Cornelison as committee on finance.

9. Elected by ballot Elders Isaac Jones, J. W. Tuttle, S. H. Reid, J. W. Gilliam to preach Sunday Worship, to commence at 10 o'clock, and Elders S. J. Reich, G. O. Kee, R. W. Gurganus, B. F. McKinney to preach Monday.

Elders F. W. Keene, S. J. Preddy for Saturday night.

Elders C. A. Davis, H. F. Huchins, A. G. Morton for Sunday night.

10. Adjourned to Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder A. G. Morton.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING

Elder G. M. Trent preached from Isaiah 6:9, followed by Elder J. S. Morrison from John 7:40, followed by Elder P. J. Washburn from Gen. 1:1-3.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING

Elder F. W. Keene preached from Isaiah 43:21, followed by Elder S. J. Preddy from no certain text.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1925.

Elder Isaac Jones opened the services and preached from Rev. 5:9, followed by Elder J. W. Tuttle from Heb. 2:12, Elder J. A. Fagg was called on and preached from John 2:58.

Intermission one hour.

Elder S. H. Reid continued the services and preached from Matt. 16:18, followed by Elder J. W. Gilliam from Isaiah 6:5.

Those Brethren did not stand long and Elder B. F. McKinney, who was to preach Monday was called on and preached from John 4:7. Elder O. J. Denney being called on preached from John 17 chapter.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Elders C. A. Davis, H. F. Huchins and Elder A. G. Morton preached but clerk failed to get text.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 1925.

11. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder C. B. Hall.

12. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report received and committee discharged.

13. Called Messengers names. Noted absentees.

14. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended, those who failed were excused.

15. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Upper County Line—H. S. Williams, L. A. Wright, R. F. Strange, C. B. Owen, T. L. Maness, and minutes.

To Lower County Line—H. S. Williams,, Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To Mayo—H. S. Williams, C. B. Owen, E. C. Gallimore, Elder Sam McMillon, H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Little River—Elder J. M. Trogden, Pharoah Bullock and minutes.

To Fishers River—Elder Sam McMillon, H. S. Williams, R. F. Strange and minutes.

To Mill Branch—H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Salem—Pharoah Bullock, D. P. Broadway, L. A. Wright, Elder Sam McMillon and minutes.

To White Oak—H. S. Williams, A. C. Vanhoy, Elder Sam McMillon, D. P. Broadway and minutes.

To Black Creek—A. C. Vanhoy, P. Bullock, Elder Sam McMillon and Minutes.

To Contentnea—Minutes.

To Keehukee—Minutes.

To Nolachuckey, Tenn.—Minutes.

16. Circular letter read and ordered printed with these minutes.

17. Appointed Bro. E. F. Saunders to write circular letter for our next years Minutes.

18. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from churches		$115.90
Contributed by Brethren and Friends		25.10
Allowed for printing minutes	$22.50	
Allowed Clerk	15.00	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Gave to Visiting Ministers	93.50	
TOTALS	$141.00	$141.00

19. The finance committee and Bro. L. A. Wright, with the moderator and clerk, were appointed to distribute $93.50 among the visiting ministers.

20. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Brush Creek, 7 miles south-west of Siler City, Randolph county, N. C. To commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1926. Elder Sam McMillon to preach the introductory sermon. Elder J. M. Trogdon, alternate. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

21. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes, and to have 800 copies printed.

22. The clerk was allowed $15.00 for his services.

23. Called on presbyteries to report, where Bro. A. H. Trogdon reported the ordination of Bro. J. M. Trogdon to the work of the ministry at Rock Hill church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in May, 1925.

24. Associations extends our thanks to God for His blessings and to the Southern Power Company for furnishing electric lights, and to the City of Salisbury for water, and to the Arey Brick & Lumber for seat lumber, and the Salisbury Ice & Fuel Company for ice, and to all the Brethren, Sisters, and friends of this vicinity for all kindness shown us during this meeting.

25. After the minutes were read and approved, the association adjourned to time and place mentioned in 20th article.

Elder Sam McMillon, Moderator.

A. L. Owen, Clerk, Rt. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY PREACHING

Elder R. W. Gurganus preached from Peter 1:3, followed by Elder G. O. Kee from John 1:1, he was followed by Dr. C. B. Hall, from Zac. 14:20.

Closed by the Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers and Messengers composing the Abbot's Creek Association—GREETINGS—:

As I was appointed to write a circular letter by our last association, I will try in my weak way, hoping that the Lord will take the lead of my mind. First Cor. 1:30, "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

Seeing then that the children of God are made free by Jesus Christ, through His atoning blood, which was shed for them on Mount Calvary, which is alone the only redemption for poor sinners.

It was for the love that the Father had for the Bride—that He sent His son to redeem her from the law of sin and death that He might present her a glorious church without spot or wrinkle, and without the loss of one.

I am so often brought down in serious meditation of mind as to whether I am embrased in that number or not that Jesus died for.

And again my spirit revives and I am made for a moment to say with the Apostle Paul, "that if this earthly house of mine were dissolved I have a building not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

Dear Brethren, if we are what we profess to be, what manner of creatures ought we to be?

Let us lay aside all evil speaking, all envy, and all strife, looking over each other for good, and not for evil, bearing each others burdens, and forgive each other.

May the God of all grace and peace and love guide you all in wisdom ways, in all your business in this association, in hope of eternal rest beyond the grave.

Your Brother,

H. S. WILLIAMS.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C. ----------20
To Black Creek—Elder J. L. Hooks, Fremont, N. C. ----------25
To Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C. ----------20
To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C. ----------15
To Keehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C. ----------35
To Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. ----------25
To Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., Rt. 1 ----25
To Mayo—S. C. Dobyns, Claudeville, Va. ----------25
To Upper C. L.—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. ----------20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. ----------20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C. ----------15
To Nolachuckey, Tenn.—Elder W. C. McMillon, Newport, Tenn.---15
To Zion—H. F. Branscom, Fancy Gap, Va. ----------12
To Senter—Elder Ed. Davis, Whitetop, Va. ----------12

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

To Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, Rt. 2, Richfield, N. C. --------20
To Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C. ----------60
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Rt. 3, Linwood, N. C. ----------75
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C. ----------40
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C. ----------10
Big Creek—H. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C. ---------- 5
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Rt. 3, Sanford, N. C. ----------15
Rock Hill—A. H. Trodgen, Rt. 3, Ashboro, N. C. ----------20
Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C. ----------25
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C. ----------40
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Rt. 2, Salisbury, N. C. ----------60
Lexington—C. E. Gallimore, Rt. 6, Lexington, N. C. ----------17
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C. ----------55
Lamms Grove—R. L. Comer, Rt. 2, Carthage, N. C. ----------40
Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C. ----------34

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Flat Creek	Jake Morgan	1			1	1		8	$2.50
Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, B. A. Peacock, U. L. Peacock						3	17	18.25
Pine M. H.	J.M. Williams, H.A. Williams, W.P. Williams	2		2			2	57	12.50
Sandy Creek	Not Represented								
Brush Creek	E. F. Saunders, H. W. Johnson, U. G. Johnson	4						18	10.10
Big Creek	Represented by Contribution								.50
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented								
Gaines Grove	J. W. Gaines, David Gaines	1						7	2.50
Rock Hill	W. H. Trogden,*El.J.M.Trogden,A.H.Trogden	1					2	16	3.00
White Oak Springs	H. T. Tucker, T. R. Freeman, J. W. Bondurant	3					3	22	10.45
Salisbury	W. F. Owen, A. C. Vanhoy, S. B. McMillon						1	23	18.10
Pierces Chapel	W. E. Jeral, T. L. Small, M. L. Wood							18	5.00
Lexington	C. E. Gallimore							3	3.50
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, J. A. Maness, T. L. Maness	1						21	14.25
Lamm's Grove	Pharoah Bullock, R. E. Lamm*, A. C. Stanley*	3	2				1	38	10.00
Sugg's Creek	G. H. Cornelison, A. Boroughs, P. Auman							33	5.25
	Absentees marked thus *. Totals	16	2	2	1	1	12	281	115.90

MINUTES

of the

One hundred and first Annual Session

of the

Abbott's Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

Held With the Church at

Brush Creek

Randolph County, N. C.

Commencing on Saturday before the

Fourth Sunday in August, 1929.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbott's Creek Association

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1926.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Sam McMillon, from Chron. 16:20,21. He was followed by Elder J. M. Trogdon, no certain text.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from the different churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder R. W. Gurganus, the letters from the several churches were called for, read, and contents noted.

(See Statistical Table.)

3. Reading the rules of decorum were omitted.

4. Chose Elder Sam McMillon Moderator.

5. Elders W. C. Jones and R. W. Gurganus were sent to the stand.

6. Agreed to continue to not seat anyone who affiliate with Elder J. R. Wilson and his followers.

7. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats. The following were seated:

From Upper County Line—Elders M. B. Martin, W. C. Jones, J. W. Gilliam, Brother J. M. Dennis, N. P. Mapler.

From Lower County Line—Brother J. W. Terry, J. D. Dupree and Joe Moncees.

From Black Creek—Brother J. B. Murry, A. T. Strictland.

From Fishers River—None.

From Salem—Elder C. A. Davis, L. V. Smith, P. S. Smith, Elder A. G. Morton, H. L. Miller, J. S. Dennis.

From White Oak—Elders R. W. Gurganus, W. W. Roberts, Brother V. T. Everett.

From Mayo—Elders S. H. Reid, D. V. Spangler.

From Contentnea—None.

From Kehukee—None.

Elder F. W. Keene from Maine Conference.

Elder M. L. Gilbert from Mount Enon.

Elders C. T. Evans and W. R. Dodd from Staunton River Association were seated as visitors.

We received a file of minutes from Upper and Lower County Line, Kehukee, Salem, Contentnea, Black Creek, Senter, Fishers River, White Oak, Mayo, Zion, Nolachuckey, Tenn., and Staunton River Associations.

8. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

9. Appointed Brothers L. A. Wright, V. L. Peacock and H. S. Williams, with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

10. Appointed Brother H. T. Tucker and Lee Snider as committee on finance.

11. The committee on arrangements were appointed as committee on preaching. Those who are appointed will be recorded as the meeting proceeds.

12. Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder H. S. Williams.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING

Elder R. W. Gurganus preached from the 127th Psalm, 1st verse, followed by Elder W. C. Jones from Psalm 89:15, followed by Elder F. W. Keene from Hosia 2:14,15.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING

Elder D. P. Broadway preached from Jonah 2:9, followed by Elder M. B. Martin from Rev. 9:1-3.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST, 1926.

Services were opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elder D. V. Spangler preached from Eph. 2:10, followed by Elder M. L. Gilbert from Rom. 3:24,25, he was followed by Elder C. T. Evans from Rev. 22:1. Intermission one hour.

Elder J. W. Gilliam preached from Gal. 2:19-21, followed by Elder M. B. Martin from Songs of Sol. 2:2, he was followed by Elder W. R. Dood from Psalm 9:1-2, followed by Elder C. A. Davis from no certain text, followed by Elder H. S. Williams from 2 Tim. 4:2.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Elder W. C. Jones preached from 1st Cor. 1:30, followed by Elder W. R. Gurganus from Matt. 1:2.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 1926.

13. The Association met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Dodd.

14. Called on committee on arrangements to report. Their report received and committee discharged.

15. Called messengers names, noted absentees.

16. Called on corresponding messengers to report, some attented, those who failed were excused.

17. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister association as follows:

To Upper County Line—Elders H. S. Williams, Sam McMillon, Brother H. W. Johnson, L. A. Wright and Minutes.

To Lower County Line—Elders Sam McMillon, H. S. Williams, Brother C. B. Owen and Minutes.

To Mayo—Elder Sam McMillon and Minutes.

To Little River—Minutes.

To Fishers River—Minutes.

To Mill Branch—Elders H. S. Williams, Sam McMillon, Brother H. W. Johnson and Minutes.

To Salem—Elders H. S. Williams, D. P. Broadway, Sam McMillon, Brother C. B. Owen and Minutes.

To White Oak—Elders H. S. Williams, D. P. Broadway, Sam McMillon, Brother E. F. Saunders, H. W. Johnson and Minutes.

To Black Creek—Elder Sam McMillon, A. C. Vanhoy and Minutes.

To Contentnoa—Minutes.

To Kehukee—Minutes.

18. Circular letter read and ordered printed with these minutes.

19. Appointed Elder D. P. Broadway to write a circular letter for our next years minutes.

20. Called on committees on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from churches	$102.00	
Contributed by Brethren and Friends		30.55
Allowed for printing minutes	$22.50	
Allowed the Clerk	15.00	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Gave to Visiting Ministers	85.05	
TOTALS	$132.55	$132.55

21. The Finance committee and the committee on Arrangements were appointed to distribute $85.05 among the preachers.

22. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Pine M. H. in a little village called Churchland, in Davidson county, 12 miles south-west of Lexington, N. C. To commence on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1927. Elder H.S. Williams to preach the introductory sermon. Elder D. P. Broadway, alternate. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing of these minutes and have 800 copies printed.

24. The Moderator was given $10.00 for his services and the Clerk was allowed $15.00.

25. Called on Presbyteries to report. When Brother U. L. Peacock reported that Elders O. J. Denny, C. A. Davis, Sam McMillon, Deacons A. G. Yarbough, R. F. Strange, Frank Foster, J. A. Williams and himself met with the church at Salisbury on the first Sunday in October, 1925, and ordained

Brethren H. S. Williams and D. P. Broadway to the work of the ministery, and C. B. Owen to the office work of Deacon.

26. Elder H. S. Williams reported that Elders S. H. Reid, D. G. Staples and himself, preached at Sandy Creek meeting house on the 2nd Sunday in May, 1926, and it was agreed to continue to hold such meetings at said place annually on the 4th Sunday in May.

All ministers who are in order or fellowship with us are invited to attend these meetings at said time, or to visit said place at any other time.

Anyone wanting to visit said place can write to Mr. Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.

The Association approves of this, and hopes the ministers will visit them.

27. On motion the Association extended our thanks to God, and to all the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this church for all kindness shown us during this meeting.

28. After the minutes were read and approved, the Association adjourned to time and place herein mentioned.

Elder Sam McMillon, Moderator.

A. L. Owen, Clerk, Rt. 2, Salisbury, N. C.

MONDAY PREACHING

Elder A. G. Morton preached from John 4:29, Elder W. W. Roberts preached from Psalm 23, Elder F. W. Keene preached from I Kings 9-3.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Ministers, Messengers, and Brethren who may compose the 101st. sitting of the Abbott's Creek Association—GREETING:—

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We are taught by the word of truth, that we should speak as the oracles of God. Hence in is in fear that I make the attempt, and in doing so I shall not try to set up a standard for Primitive Baptist to live by for I feel that a Triune God did that job before the morning of time. When the morning stars sang together and the Sons of God shouted for joy. Hence all the hope this poor worm of the dust has is centered in the following scriptures: "For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sancitified.—Heb. 10-14." Then if God's people are perfected through Christ, there can be no imperfection and who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect, it is God that justifieth. Therefore being justified by faith (not works) we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell. A full and complete atonement made, nothing lacking, all the needs of God's people are completely filled by this one offering. Then who shall separate us from the love of Christ (Rom. 8-35) and what shall we say to these things, if God be for us who can be against us. Dear brethren I feel to know that in my flesh dwells no good thing, for how to perform that which is good I find not, for the things I would I do not; and the things I would not that I do. Then if I do the things I would not, it is no more I that do it but sin that dwells in me, and the word teaches that where sin abounded Grace did much more abound, perfecting the saints according to the will of God. Then is it not by the Grace of God, that we are what we are? And have we received anything that was not given us? And have we anything to boast of? And are not the good works ordained for God's people to walk in, wrought by grace? Is there anything beneficial to God's people except that which is embraced in this one offering?

Down from the shinning courts above,
In joyful haste He fled,
Entered the grave in mortal flesh
And dwelt among the dead.

Taking upon Himself the Sin and Transgressions of His bride, and placing upon her His everlasting robe of righteousness, then She does not need anything more. Her good works are wrought in her that God hath before ordained that she should walk in them.

Dear Brethren, if these things are not so, then I am free to confess I do not know anything about a work of Grace, and if they are so, all things are complete to the comfort and edification of the Church, and to the Honor and Glory of God, nothing more is needed.

Dear Brethren, I would like to speak more at length concerning this Great High Priest-hood but space forbids. Suffice it to say, when this poor sinner is blessed with a realization of a hope that I am included in the glorious arrangement, it is to wonderful for words to express. I am made to say surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. When God enables me (as I hope) to see through a glass darkly or to view through the lattice the face of my beloved, hope springs up in me, not as a reward for my obedience, but through hope that an all wise, all righteous God remembered me in mercy.

Dear Brethren is this Armenianism? Is it conditional salvation? Or absolute predestination? Call it by any name you see fit. It is the only reason I can give for a hope. Now if you feel that you can do good in the performance of duty, pray tell me where to commence and how to proceed. For to will is ever present, but how to perform I find not.

Submitted in love,

E. F. SAUNDERS.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C.----20
To Black Creek—Elder J. L. Hooks, Fremont, N. C.----25
To Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C.----20
To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C.----15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.----35
To Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C.----25
To Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C., Rt. 1----25
To Mayo—S. C. Dobyns, Claudeville, Va.----25
To Upper C. L.—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.----20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C.----20
To Salem—W. L. Teague, Winston, N. C.----15
To Zion—H. F. Branscom, Fancy Gap, Va.----12
To Senter—Elder Ed. Davis, Whitetop, Va.----12

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

To Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, Rt. 2, Richfield, N. C.----25
To Tom's Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C.----60
Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Rt. 3, Linwood, N. C.----65
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C.----45
Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C.----15
Big Creek—H. Henderson, Eldorado, N. C.----10
Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Rt. 3, Sanford, N. C.----20
Rock Hill—A. H. Trodgen, Rt. 3, Ashboro, N. C.----29
Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C.----30
White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C.----30
Salisbury—A. L. Owen, Rt. 2, Salisbury, N. C.----64
Lexington—C. E. Gallimore, Rt. 6, Lexington, N. C.----15
Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C.----57
Lamms Grove—R. L. Comer, Rt. 2, Carthage, N. C.----40
Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C.----25

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1925

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Flat Creek	Jake Morgan*	1			1			7	$2.00
Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, V. L. Peacock, A. A. Snider	1	2		2		1	17	16.00
Pine M. H.	J. H. W. Wilson, T. L. Beck, R. F. Snider				1		3	53	10.00
Sandy Creek	Not Represented								
Brush Creek	E. F. Saunders, H. W. Johnson, L. J. Hicks							18	10.00
Big Creek	Not Represented								
Mt. Tabor	Not Represented								
Gaines Grove	J.W.Gains, J.D.Jones*, D.T.Jones, D.T.Gaines		1					8	3.00
Rock Hill	W.H.Trogdon, A.H.Trogdon, Eld.J.M.Trogdon	1						17	5.00
White Oak Springs	J. W. Bondurant, T. R. Freeman, H. T. Tucker						2	20	5.00
Salisbury	El.H.S.Williams, El.D.P.Broadway, A.C.Vanhoy							23	18.00
Pierces Chapel	T. L. Small, M. L. Wood, C. S. Swaney						1	16	5.00
Lexington	Represented by Contribution							2	2.25
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, T. L. Maness, B. F. Cockran	1						22	16.25
Lamm's Grove	A. C. Key,* Pharoah Bullock,* R. L. Comer						1	36	7.50
Sugg's Creek	Represented by Contribution							33	2.00
	Absentees marked thus *. TOTALS	4	3		4		8	272	102.00

MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Second Annual Session

OF THE

Abbotts Creek Union

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

PINE CHURCH

Davidson County, North Carolina

Commencing on Saturday before the

Fourth Sunday in August, 1927

ASHEBORO PRINTING COMPANY, ASHEBORO, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Abbotts Creek Association

1. After praise and prayer by Elder C. B. Hill, The Introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. S. Williams from Isaiah 40:1. He was followed by Elder D. P. Broadway, no certain text.

2, After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from several churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder J. P. Helms, Brother L. A. Wright was appointed temporary Clerk, after which the letters from the several churches were called for, read and contents noted.

(See Statistical Table.)

3. It was still agreed to not seat with anyone who had been affiliating with J. R. Wilson.

4. Reading the rules of decorum was omited.

5. Elder Samuel McMillan was chosen Moderator and T. R. Freeman Clerk.

6. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats, and the following were present and seated:

From Upper Country Line—Elders B. F. McKinney and Ben Martin.

From Lower Country Line—Elder C. B. Hall and Brethren Joe W. Terry, Dr. Satterfield and Joe Moncees.

From Black Creek—Elder H. F. Hutchens.

From Fishers River—Elder J. D. Key.

From Salem—Elders C. A. Davis, and S. J. Reich and Brethern J. M. Dennis, T. S. Hedrick, Tom Greer, L. M. Hinson and others.

From White Oak—Elders Isaac Jones, R. W. Gurganus and W. W. Roberts and Brother B. F. Scott.

From Mayo—Elder J. A. Fagg.

From Contentnea—none.

From Pig River—Elders B. V. Jesse and J. P. Helms.

From Zion—Elder J. D. Easter.

From Kehukee—none.

On motion that we renew our correspondence with Bear Creek and seat their messengers the following were seated: J. W. Jones, N. S. Jones, D. S. Jones, and J. F. Burris.

Pleasant Hill does not belong to any association, but the following visitors were present and seated: H. P. Cashion, Sam Remmer and J. H. Taylor.

We received a file of minutes from Upper Country Line, Salem, White Oak, Contentnea, Senter, Stanton River, Lower Country Line, Fishers River, Zion, Kehukee and Black Creek.

7. Called for circular letter which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

8. Appointed Brethren T. W. Maness, H. W. Johnson and D. P. Broadway with the Moderator and Clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

9. Appointed Brethren U. L. Peacock and H. T. Tucker committee on finance.

10. Elected by committee of arrangements Elders Ben Martin, C. B. Hall, Isaac Jones, B. V. Jesse, W. W. Roberts and H. F. Hutchens to preach Sunday, worship to begin at ten o'clock.

Elders B. F. McKinney, C. A. Davis and W. C. Roberts to preach Monday, Services to be closed by the Moderator.

Elders R. W. Gurganus and J. P. Helms to preach Saturday night.

Elders Ben Martin, R. W. Gurganus and Brother H. W. Hawks to preach Sunday Night.

11. Adjourned to Monday morning nine O'clock. Dismissed by Elder C. A. Davis.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING

Elder R. W. Gurganus preached from Matthew 16:13, followed by Elder J. P. Helms from same text.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN AUGUST 1927.

Services were opened by Elder R. W. Gurganus, after which Elder Ben Martin preached from Luke 8:45, followed by Elder C. B. Hall from Isaiah 42:10-12, he was followed by Elder Isaac Jones from no certain text.

After an intermission of one hour Elder B. V. Jesse continued the services and preached from Romans 6:23, followed by Elder W. W. Roberts from Revelation 20:6. He was followed by Elder H. F. Hutchens, who preached from Corinthians 13:13.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Elder R. W. Gurganus preached from Luke 24:5, followed by W. H. Hawks from Isaiah 23:3. He was followed by Elder Ben Martin, who preached from no certain text.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 25, 1927.

12. The Association met according to arrangement. Praise and prayer by Elder W. C. Edwards.

13. Called on committe on arrangements to report. The report was received and committee discharged.

14. Called Messengers names and noted absentees.

15. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some attended. Those who failed were excused.

16. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Bear Creek: Appointed Elders H. S. Williams, Samuel McMillian and Brethren J. B. Hulin, B. I. Harrison and C. B. Owen and Minutes.

To Upper Country Line—Elder D. P. Broadway and Brethren C. B. Owen and G. H. Cornelieton and minutes

To Lower Country Line—Elders H. S. Williams and D. P. Broadway and Brethren C. B. Owen and R. F. Strange, and minutes.

To Mayo—Elder H. S. Williams and minutes.

To Fisher River—Brother J. B. Hulin and minutes.

To Mill Branch—Elder H. S. Williams and Brethren L. A. Wright, James Vanhoy and H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Salem—Elders Samuel McMillan and H. S. Williams and Brethren L. A. Wright, J. W. Bondurant and B. I. Harrison and minutes.

To White Oak—Elders Samuel McMillan and H. S. Williams and Brethren L. A. Wright, T. W. Maness and H. W. Johnson and minutes.

To Black Creek—Elder Samuel McMillan and minutes.

To Kehukee—Minutes.

17. The circular letter was read and ordered printed with these minutes.

18. Appointed Brother C. B. Owen to write the circular letter for our next year's minutes.

19. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from churches		$118.75
Contributed by brethren and friends		25.35
Allowed for printing of minutes	$22.50	
Allowed Clerk for services	15.00	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Gave the visiting Ministers	96.50	
TOTALS	$144.10	$144.10

20. The finance committee, with the Moderator and Clerk and Brother L. A. Wright were appointed to distribute $96.60 among the visiting Ministers.

21. Agreed that our next association be held with the church at Suggs Creek, five miles west from Ether, Montgomery County, N. C. To commence on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1928. Elder Samuel McMillan to preach the introductory sermon. Elder D. P. Broadway alternate. Worship to begin at ten o'clock.

22. Appointed Clerk to superintend the printing of 800 copies of these minutes, and that $22.50 be allowed for same.

23. The Clerk was allowed $15.00 for his services.

24. Called on presbyteries to report. Brother R. L. Comer reported the ordination of Brother A. C. Key to the work of ministery at Lamm's Grove on second Sunday in June 1927.

Elder S. J. Reich reported the ordination of brother R. F. Snider to the office of deacon at Pine on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1927.

25. On motion the Moderator was allowed $10.00 for his services.

26. The Association extends thanks to God for His blessings, and to the Brethren, and Sisters and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this meeting.

27. After the minutes were read and approved the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

Elder Samuel McMillan, Moderator.
T. R. Freeman, Clerk. Steeds, N. C.

MONDAY PREACHING

Elder B. F. McKinney preached from second Corinthians 10:4, followed by Elder C. A. Davis, who preached from Luke 11:21. He was followed by Elder W. C. Edwards, who preached from first Corinthians 15:25-26. Closed by S. J. Reich.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Salisbury, N. C., August 24, 1927.

To the members and messengers who may compose the Abbotts Creek Association to convene with the church at Pine Meeting House, Davidson County, N. C.

GREETINGS:—Being appointed by our precious brethren at the last session of this association, to write a circular letter, I now make the attempt. I wish to speak of the things most assuredly believed by our brethren. By this I mean the churches composing this association. As I have spent my time in the ministry with them I feel like I know what they believe. Having done all to stand, they now stand and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints. We believe that salvation is of the Lord, and that man in his carnal state cannot worship God, and while in the flesh cannot please God, but loves darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. Therefore every step that man takes and every deed that he does when prompted or influenced by the flesh is evil, and his thoughts are evil continually, for the heart in man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. While in this state or condition he is under the influence of that satanic power which the scripture refers to as the strong man. He keeps his palace and his goods are in peace until a stronger than he comes Here then is a manifestation of salvation and it is of the Lord, for God is greater than all and binds all whether they be dominions, powers, principolities or thrones. God is above all. We believe in the electing grace of God and that God made choice of the bride and hath chosen her in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love and that God is the father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and that He blesses us with all Spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ. We believe that God forms in his people Christ the hope of glory, and they are then made alive by Christ, the Lord from heaven a quickening spirit, and can by the quickening spirit of Christ, which dwells in them, praise His great and good name for what He has done for them. And being led by the spirit of Christ they can tell an experience of grace, and can bring forth fruits and meats worthy of repentance and do not have to say, we have Abraham to our father, for God is our Father, and Jesus, His Son, is our Savior, and we are made to sit in heavenly places in Christ. We also believe that God predestinated that His people should be conformed to the image of His Son. The word absolute is not needed to make God's predestination sure, and we are glad that not one of our preaching brethren in our association tries to connect the word Absolute with the predestination of God. We believe that what Jesus does for us saves us, that God beholds us through the sufferings of His Son, and that He satisfied the law that stood against His Bride, by the sacrifice of Himself. He was owned from heaven, by God, in a voice saying, this is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

We do not believe that God wills the death of the wicked, but that He does will the life of the righteous, for Christ is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. He is

everything we need here in time. He is what we need when we come to press a dying pillow. He is what we need when He shall descend from Heaven with the voice of The Arc angle and is all we need when at the dazzling throne of God, there to praise God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost forever, Amen.

Your Brother in this Hope.

D. P. BROADWAY.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

To White Oak—Henry Horne, Wilmington, N. C. _____ 20
To Black Creek—Elder J. L. Hooks, Fremont, N. C. _____ 25
To Little River—R. F. Smith, Benson, N. C. _____ 20
To Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C. _____ 15
To Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C. _____ 35
To Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. _____ 25
To Fishers River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C. Rt. 1____ 25
To Mayo—S. C. Dobyns, Claudeville, Va. _____ 25
To Upper C. L.—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C _____ 20
To Lower C. L.—J. H. Gooch, Stem, N. C. _____ 20
To Zion—H. F. Branscom, Fancy Gap, Va. _____ 12
To Senter—Elder Ed. Davis, Whitetop, Va. _____ 12

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES.

To Flat Creek—Mrs. Boss Parker, Richfield, Rt. 2, N. C. _____ 20
To Toms Creek—U. L. Peacock, Denton, N. C. _____ 60
To Pine M. H.—W. P. Williams, Rt. 3, Linwood, N. C. _____ 75
To Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Brush Creek, N. C. _____ 40
To Sandy Creek—Percy Jones, Liberty, N. C. _____ 10
To Big Creek—J. N. Henderson, Eldorade, N. C. _____ 5
To Gaines Grove—J. W. Gaines, Rt. 3, Sanford, N. C. _____ 15
To Rock Hill—A. H. Trogdon, Rt. 3, Asheboro, N. C. _____ 20
To Pierces Chapel—M. L. Wood, Fullers, N. C. _____ 25
To White Oak Springs—Ira Freeman, Steeds, N. C. _____ 40
To Salisbury—D. P. Broadway, Salisbury, N. C. _____ 60
To Lexington—C. F. Gallamore, Lexington, Rt. 6, N. C. _____ 17
To Cotton Creek—L. A. Wright, Star, N. C. _____ 55
To Lamms Grove—R. L. Comer, Carthage, Rt. 2, N. C. _____ 40
To Suggs Creek—T. W. Maness, Allreds, N. C. _____ 34

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1927

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Flat Creek	Represented by contribution	0	--	--	--	--	--	8	$ 3 50
Tom's Creek	B. I. Harrison, B. A. Peacock, Lee Snider	1	--	--	--	--	--	18	18 50
Pine M. H.	J. B. Hulin, H. F. Williams, P. H. Young	--	--	--	--	--	--	53	12 50
Sandy Creek	Not represented	--	--	--	--	--	--	---	
Brush Creek	E. F. Saunders*, H. W. Johnson, Wm. R. Fox	4	--	--	--	--	--	22	7 50
Mt. Tabor	Not represented	--	--	--	--	--	--	---	
Gaines' Grove	David T. Gaines, J. W. Gaines*	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	2 00
Rock Hill	A. H. Trogdon, Jesse Trodgdon*, Joe Nance*	1	--	--	--	--	2	17	3 75
White Oak Springs	H. T. Tucker, T. R. Freeman, J. W. Bondurant	2	2	--	--	--	--	24	4 50
Salisbury	C. B. Owen, R. F. Strange, Eld. D. P. Broadway	--	--	--	3	--	--	20	27 50
Pierce's Chapel	T. L. Summey, M. L. Wood, W. E. Jarrel	--	--	--	--	--	1	16	6 00
Lexington	Represented by contribution	--	--	--	--	--	--	---	1 00
Cotton Creek	L. A. Wright, T. L. Maness, B. F. Cochran	1	--	--	--	--	--	22	17 50
Lamm's Grove	J. A. Edwards*, R. L. Mabe, Eld. A. L. Key*	2	--	--	--	--	1	38	10 00
Sugg's Creek	W. E. Boroughs, G. H. Cornelison, T. W. Maness	--	--	--	6	--	--	26	4 50
	Absentees marked thus * TOTALS	11	2	--	9	--	4	273	$118 75